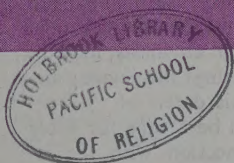


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Topics for September and October



President Truman Receives Endeavorers At White House

For Christ and the Church

The General Secretary

Television Increases

The television is gaining rapidly in becoming a means of influencing people — old and young.

Reports tell us that now over 50,000,000 people are watching TV regularly. With the increased facilities that are being authorized by the Federal Communications Commission, the way will be cleared for further tremendous expansion and it is anticipated that in the not too distant future it may be possible for 90 percent of our population to avail themselves of television observation.

What are youth seeing and hearing? Some excellent and worthwhile programs are presented. Numerous shows, however, are a waste of time and many are of harmful influence.

As Christians may we do something positive. Let us show appreciation for good religious and educational programs. There are opportunities that Christian Endeavor groups can sponsor or assist in presentations. Pennsylvania C. E. Union has been active in this field. Amy D. Faust, radio superintendent of the Keystone State Union, has directed a significant program of radio and TV work.



Dr. Gene Stone

Why not make use of this popular new media in telling our message?

For the Calendar

Two special days are coming in September which Christian Endeavorers and societies will want to help observe. They are September 17 and 30.

President Truman has approved action of the Congress marking September 17 as "Citizenship Day." This is done in commemoration of the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States. A citizenship emphasis may be given at weekly meetings the Sunday before or following this date.

September 30 will be a time for Bible Observance in connection with the issuing of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. Information and suggestions for observance may be secured from the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

Fellowship in New Land

"Fellowship with Christ's people" holds as a sound principle in Christian Endeavor.

Two German youth, a girl and a young man, who recently came to our country contacted the International Society to see if they could make contacts with Endeavorers in their new locations. Through the cooperation of union leaders the newcomers to America are having happy fellowship in Westchester County, New York, and Wilmington, Delaware.

Plan Advisory Council

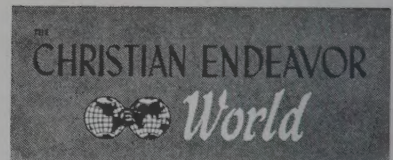
Annual meetings of the Board of Trustees and Corporation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor were held in Philadelphia, Pa., June 6 and 7.

It was voted to form an Advisory Council of 25 members which is "to encourage and assist in any way possible the program of the International Society."

Show Your Colors

Wearing the Christian Endeavor pin and displaying emblems on your automobile pay off in fellowship and witnessing. Incidents are always taking place that prove the value of this means of advertising. Recently I have had two very pleasant and profitable experiences. "Label" yourself a Christian Endeavorer.

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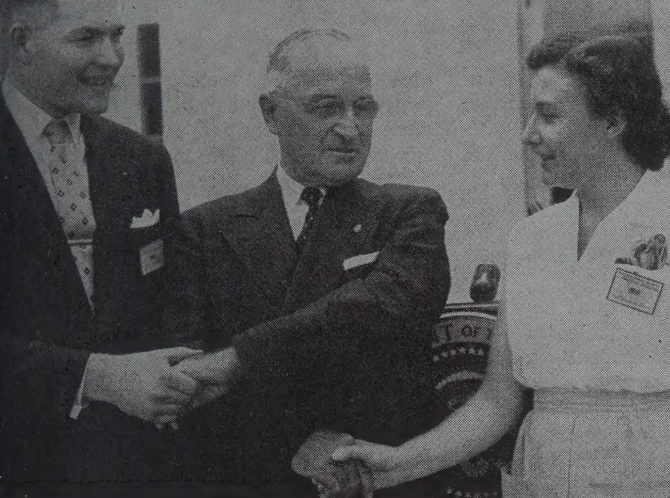
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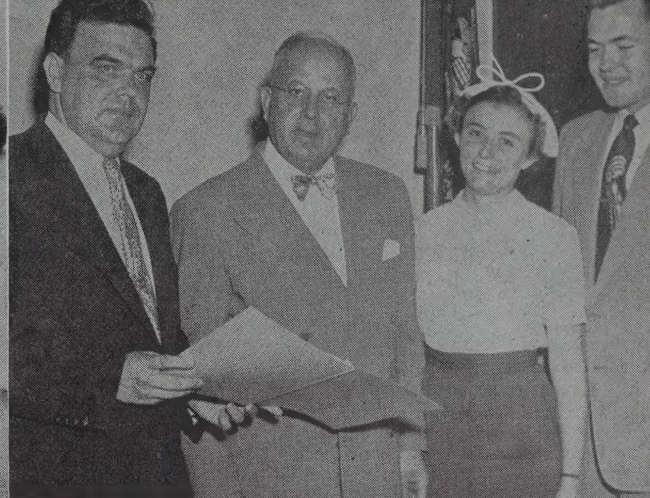
President Harry S. Truman addresses delegates to the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Convocation in the Rose Garden of the White House June 13. In the foreground is Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, director of the Department of Christian Citizenship, is at the extreme left. To the right of President Truman in the front section are Erma Polly Williams, Maxine E. Bond, Herman Harmelink, and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. Maxine Bond and Clarence Kopp were awarded top national honors in the Citizenship Contest. Polly Williams and Herman Harmelink were runners-up. A portion of the recently renovated White House is in the background at the left.

—Photo by Seth Muse



President Truman Congratulates Winners

The Chief Executive of the United States pays tribute to Maxine E. Bond and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., top ranking youth in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Award Contest. This reception took place at the White House June 13 in connection with the Citizenship Convocation. (Photo by Seth Muse).



Pennsylvania Executive Receives Youth

Governor John S. Fine welcomes the national winners of Christian Endeavor's Contest, Maxine E. Bond and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., at the Capital in Harrisburg June 16. Dr. Melvin M. Forney (left) director of Citizenship of Pennsylvania C. E. Union, presents the honored Endeavorers. (Photo by Pennsylvania State Department of Commerce).

Youthful Citizens Visit Washington

Christian Endeavorers have been to Washington.

As part of the Christian Citizenship Crusade more than 250 young people participated in the Convocation in the Nation's Capital and learned new lessons in citizenship June 13-15.

The youth were greeted by the President of the United States, listened to members of Congress, paid honor to winners in the Citizenship Contest, visited historic and religious shrines and had a grand time in the City by the Potomac.

Youth were alerted and called to new tasks as citizens of the United States of America. They returned to the eighteen different states from which they came ready to serve God and country in a better way.

Delegation Meets President

President Harry S. Truman welcomed the Christian Endeavor delegation in the Rose Garden of the White House Friday, June 13, at 3:30 p. m.

At the bottom of the steps of the porch on the West Wing at the White House by the executive office of the President a temporary rostrum was placed. Mr. Truman came from his office and was presented to the delegation by Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The President smiled as he welcomed the Endeavorers, expressed appreciation for the work the movement

is doing and congratulated the winners of the Citizenship Award Contest.

"The One More Club can now be in session," President Truman said with a grin as he turned to a number of press photographers who were standing behind him on the White House porch. These men came forward and took pictures as Mr. Truman posed with Maxine E. Bond and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., national winners of the Citizenship Contest. (President Truman calls the photographers "The One More Club" as they usually ask permission to take "one more

picture.") The Chief Executive joked with the youth as the photographers worked. He waved in farewell to the group and sprightly returned to his office.

Youth Assembly Convenes

Members of the Youth Assembly met in the Burlington Hotel in Washington, D. C., the morning and afternoon of June 13. Richard Pruiksma presided.

"Christian youth hold the key to the future prosperity and security of our nation," Dr. Melvin M. Forney, director of the Citizenship Department of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Pennsylvania, told the youth at the convocation dinner Friday evening, June 13.

"Today's world of confusion, crime, sin, drunkenness, materialism, broken homes, war and despair stands as a grotesque image against the background of history as a ghastly reminder that man cannot live apart from God," Dr. Forney declared. "In fact, today's world stands as the proof of God's Word in our time, for if we lived in any other kind of world than the one we are living in God's Word could not be true. Man cannot violate God's law and be blest with prosperity, peace and happiness.

"To speak of corruption in government is just another way of saying Christ is not given a place in government. The

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WELCOMES ENDEAVORERS

President Harry S. Truman speaks with Dr. Gene Stone (center) and Rev. Charles E. F. Howe when he received the Christian Endeavor delegation in the Rose Garden of the White House June 13. Dr. Stone is general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, and Mr. Howe is director of the Department of Christian Citizenship. (Photo by Donald Drain).



Congresswoman and Winners

Miss Ruth Thompson of Michigan, member of the House of Representatives, stands in front of the Capitol with citizenship contest winners. Pictured on first row (left to right) are Erma Polly Williams, Donna Lee Plymale and Maxine E. Bond. Those standing (left to right) are Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., Miss Thompson, and Herman Harmelink. Maxine Bond and Clarence Kopp were the national winners with the others as runners-up.

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only way that Christ can enter government is in the heart of those who make up government. This means that if Christ is to save America He must save her through the lives of believers.

"No other group of people in all the world have a greater interest at stake than the Christians in politics," Dr. Forney continued. "History proves that when a government hostile to evangelical Christianity gets in power, religious freedom is denied and Christians are persecuted for their faith.

"You can't leave Christ outside the voting booth while you cast your ballot. You must take Him in with you and cast your vote in accordance with His way of life. We do not wish to use the State to force our religion on others, and by the same token we resent the secularists using the power of the government to force their atheism upon us and our children.

"The Christian youth of today must live his life as a crusade for Christ. He must carry this crusade into every phase of life.

"Christian youth living for Christ today can produce a Christian world tomorrow instead of a totalitarian slavery," Dr. Forney of Philadelphia, predicted in the close of his address. "The day is past when the Christian can be an isolationist in spiritual life."

See Gutenberg Bible

A visit to the Library of Congress to see the original manuscripts of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the

famous Gutenberg Bible thrilled the Endeavorers. Dr. Luther Evans, Librarian, spoke.

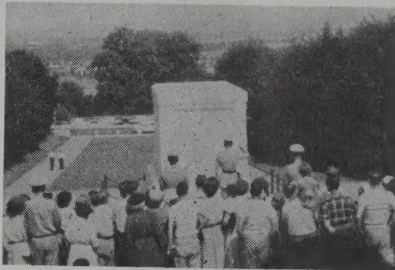
Robert Crammer of Washington, D. C., directed a sightseeing tour which included a visit to the top of the Washington Monument by night. This is a rare experience since permission for a night visit is rarely given.

Saturday morning the quiet hour was led by members of the Golden Rule Union followed by a seminar presented by Dr. Gene Stone of International Society.

The morning program consisted of a visit to the Supreme Court Building, the Capitol, the headquarters of the General Commission on Protestant Chaplains, the Pan-American Union and the living quarters of the White House.

Congresswoman Thompson Speaks

Congresswoman Ruth Thompson of Michigan, informed the Christian Endeavor youth as they stood on the Capitol steps, that every week Congress is in session there is a breakfast and religious devotion period on Wednesday for mem-



Tomb of Unknown Soldier

Part of the Christian Endeavor delegation watch the changing of the guards in Arlington Cemetery.

bers of the Senate and Thursday for members of the House of Representatives.

"I voted against the Mutual Security Aid Bill," Miss Thompson stated. "We are not making friends because we are not able to reach the little people who need our assistance. This kind of work and spending should be handled by our churches and missionaries. Instead of sending bread \$8,000,000 worth of tobacco was sent to hungry people and 50,000,000 booklets of cigaret papers, designated pink."

Saturday afternoon was filled with a visit to the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Institute, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Lee Mansion and Arlington National Cemetery.

Maxine E. Bond of Wichita, Kansas, winner of national honors in the girls'

division of the Citizenship Contest, presented her prize essay of the Convocation banquet Saturday evening in the Burlington Hotel ballroom. Mrs. Eunice Nelson was toastmistress.

A great citizenship rally was conducted in Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, where Theodore Roosevelt attended when he was President.

The choir of the High School Union of the District of Columbia, directed by Grace Lovell, sang. Harold R. Mulvaney, vice-president of the Philadelphia Intermediate C. E. Union, presided. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society, led the song service.

Rev. R. W. Olewiler, pastor of Grace Church, gave the invocation.

Dr. Bryan Presents Awards

Checks in the amount of \$250.00 each were presented by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, to the top winners in the Citizenship Contest — Maxine E. Bond and Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. These youth were also given the trip to the Convocation. Certificates were also awarded. Dr. Bryan gave checks of \$50 to Herman Harmelink of Sioux Center, Iowa; Donna Lee Plymale of Lebanon, Oregon; and Erma Polly Williams of Elmer, New Jersey, who were runners-up in the contest.

Ann S. Fulton was given a certificate for winning in the Southern Region and Trecia Roberts of Monticello, Kentucky; Miriam A. Cole of East Williamson, New York, and Gloria Stahl of East Greenville, Pa., were presented with state certificates.

"Youth and Citizenship," was the title of the address given by Honorable O. K. Armstrong, member of the House of Representatives from Missouri.

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On The Capitol Steps

A portion of the Christian Endeavor group at the Citizenship Convocation are caught by the camera at the entrance to the Halls of Congress.

Building World Peace . . Task for Youth

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"The most important task confronting Christian youth today is to help build a peace among men and nations that will be permanent," Congressman Armstrong advised the youth.

"Our civilization cannot longer endure under conditions of modern warfare," Mr. Armstrong warned.

Christian Principles Needed

"Only a peace that springs from Christian principles of mercy, understanding, mutual helpfulness and equal justice for all men, can be lasting.

"Such a peace can never be built along lines of the present policies of our government. What is our policy? In a word, we are told we must 'contain' communism, aggression. Presumably, we must stop it along the 38th parallel in Korea at the Rhine River in Germany, or some other boundary. This is a policy of utter futility, not much better, if any, than the former futile policies of collaboration with an appeasement of communism.

"While it is necessary to have military strength to repel and deter actual military aggression, we can never conquer communism by trying to contain it. Our policy of building bigger and bigger guns, tanks, planes, atomic bombs and atomic-powered submarines, with the idea that this will scare Stalin and his communist leaders into being peaceful is dangerous nonsense. The military answer is not enough.

"Let young American citizens understand that the conflict with communism is the struggle for the minds and hearts of people all over the world, and particularly for those great teeming masses of underprivileged people to whom communism makes its greatest appeal. Then let them do something about it.

Program for Peace

"I challenge members of this organization of Christian Endeavor with a

positive, three-point program for peace:

"1. Help formulate policies based upon moral and spiritual principles, then insist that our leaders abide by them. Never again should we sacrifice principles, as we did when we abandoned the Atlantic Charter.

"2. Help use our great economic strength to lift standards of living in all underprivileged areas of the world.

"3. Reform the United Nations, giving it power to define and prevent aggression by collective security.



GOVERNOR FINE GREET YOUTHFUL CITIZENS

A delegation of Christian Endeavorers from the Harrisburg area were urged to be good citizens by Governor John S. Fine when they met in his office for the presentation of winners of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Award Contest to the Chief Executive of the Keystone State. Those who won the national honors are Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., of Chambersburg, Pa., directly in back of Governor Fine, and Maxine E. Bond of Wichita, Kansas, at the Governor's right.

Photo by Pennsylvania State Department of Commerce.

"Citizenship is not a passive, static condition. Christian young people should be dynamic citizens, taking an active part in the selection of the right public officials, the formulation of the right policies of government and the continual strengthening of the spiritual ramparts of the nation."

Service at Lincoln Memorial

The High School Christian Endeavor Union of the District of Columbia took charge of a quiet hour service held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial early Sunday morning.

Delegates visited the Washington Cathedral and attended the morning worship at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church where Dr. George M. Docherty is pastor.

Alice Goodman, president of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, presided at the Convocation luncheon Sun-

day. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., national contest winner and assistant pastor of King Street United Brethren Church of Chambersburg, Pa., gave the closing message.

Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, director of the Christian Citizenship Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, supervised the Citizenship Convocation. Olinda Dormaier of Washington, D. C., served as registrar. A committee from the District of Columbia assisted in arrangements.

Youth Meet Governor Fine

Following the Convocation in Washington the national contest winners in the United States went to Harrisburg, Penna., where they were presented to Governor John S. Fine, June 16.

A delegation of Endeavorers from the Harrisburg area were present in the executive chambers when Governor Fine congratulated the top contestants. Dr. Melvin M. Forney, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and director of Christian Citizenship of the Pennsylvania C. E.

Union, made the presentations.

Honor Canadian Youth

Glen R. Strome of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, was honored at a Christian Citizenship Rally sponsored by the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union at Lancaster Heights Mission, Kitchener, Ontario, July 6.

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, president of the Canadian Union and vice-president of the International Society, presented a check for \$250.00 to Glen Strome as the award for winning the Christian Citizenship Contest in the Dominion of Canada. A beautiful certificate was also awarded.

Hon. N. C. Schneider of Waterloo, North, member of Parliament, spoke. A message from Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Hon. L. O. Breithaupt, was read.

C.E. Leaders Discuss Plans at Honolulu

Dr. Poling and Dr. Bryan Among Speakers at Conference — Delegates on Fellowship Tour

Honolulu, Hawaii, was the scene of a significant conference on Christian Endeavor July 26-30.

Representatives from Christian Endeavor unions in Area No. 1 of the World's Union attended.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan made the keynote address Saturday, July 26, in the Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu. Dr. Bryan is general secretary of the World's Union in charge of Area No. 1. Sunday night, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, spoke. He was also in charge of the closing session July 30.

Rev. Kawi Sing Chang of Honolulu, gave the message Monday, July 28. A luau, a Hawaiian banquet, was conducted Tuesday evening and James T. Tanabe of Honolulu, who was runner-up winner in the Citizenship Contest, was awarded a check for \$50.00.

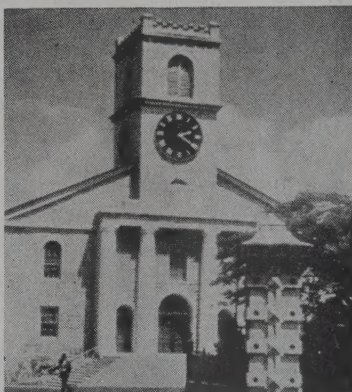
"With Christ at the Crossroads," was the theme for the conference.

Besides Dr. Poling, Dr. Bryan, and Mr. Chang other speakers and leaders included Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. James S. Mather, Kandy, Ceylon; Dr. T. T. Roberts, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Edward Kahale, Honolulu, Dr. Gene Stone, Columbus, Ohio, and Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Columbus, Ohio.

A tour party of thirty-five under the direction of Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of the International Society, took off Friday evening, July 25, from the International Airport at Los Angeles for Honolulu, arriving the next morning. A banquet was held in the Hotel Biltmore in Los Angeles prior to the flight. Many leaders of the California Christian Endeavor were there to greet the delegates on their way to the Pacific Area Conference.

Walter Nomura was chairman of the local committee that gave the delegates a royal welcome.

The tour unit is visiting the islands in the Hawaiian chain and will return to the mainland August 5.



Scene of Conference

The opening session of the Pacific Area Meetings was held in the Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, Saturday, July 26. Rev. Edward Kahale, who is pastor, is the president of the Hawaiian C. E. Association. When Hawaii was a monarchy the royal family attended the Kawaiahao Church.

ENDEAVORERS ACTIVE IN ISLANDS OF TONGA

"Akolotu," a word meaning "learning religion," is the name given to the Christian Endeavor movement in the South Pacific islands of Tonga. A great inspiration to the movement is the help and example of Her Majesty the Queen, Salote Tupou, who founded the Akolotu in Tonga.

The weekly Christian Endeavor meeting in Tonga is called the "Po Tokoni" with the usual method of seven speakers giving short addresses and the chairman for the meeting summing-up.

The last Sunday evening of the month there is a "Po Malanga" or evening sermon in charge of the Endeavorers. At this service an appeal is made for new members and the pledge recited by the active members, somewhat similar to the consecration meetings in America.

The annual Rallies of the Akolotu Societies are held in Tonga on May 24, Wesley Day, each year. On this day district rallies are organized. On the island Tongatapu, the largest in the Tonga group, there are usually 1,400 or 1,500 who answer the Roll Call and attend the rally.

The Tongans are renowned for their fine singing and excel in difficult works composed by Handel and Bach, but they also sing the well-loved choruses which have been translated into their language.

ENDEAVORERS PARTICIPATE IN HONOLULU CONFERENCE

The following delegates attended the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26-30, and are on the Fellowship Tour being conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Frances M. Becker, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Paul W. Behler, New Haven, Connecticut.
Helen E. Beiswanger, Washington, D. C.
Allan J. Blair, Passaic, New Jersey.
Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Washington, D. C.
May Carter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. J. W. Chase, Camarillo, California.
Russell R. Christain, San Francisco, California.
Anna Drayer, Dayton, Ohio.
Marietta Drayer, Dayton, Ohio.
Phyllis R. Foos, Baltimore, Maryland.
Constance L. Gerner, Rahway, New Jersey.
Nellie V. Griffin, Mt. Rainier, Maryland.
Leola Holden, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Mabel K. Howard, Alexandria, Virginia.
Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Lithopolis, Ohio.
Mrs. Charles E. F. Howe, Lithopolis, Ohio.
Charles Frederick Howe, Lithopolis, Ohio.
Stephen Jay Howe, Lithopolis, Ohio.
Margaret F. Humphrey, Washington, D. C.
Gladys A. Kefauver, Arlington, Virginia.
Dr. William W. McKinney, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.
F. Viola Osborn, Asbury Park, New Jersey.
Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Alice M. Preston, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
Mabel Preston, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
E. Loraine Schlimm, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Roxanna Schlimm, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Amy Short, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Chesley, Ontario, Canada.
Charlotte Smith, Camarillo, California.
Dr. Gene Stone, Columbus, Ohio.
Mrs. R. Yvonne Zenn Sweetman, Long Island City, New York.
Mrs. Bertha H. Thompson, Gooding, Idaho.
Esther R. Trigloff, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
Grace VanEvera, Davenport, Iowa.
Harold E. Westerhoff, Columbus, Ohio.

What Shall We Do?

If you want ideas for your society secure either the Senior-Young People's or Intermediate Edition of THE 1952-53 PROGRAM GUIDES. Only \$25 a copy. Send your order today to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.



Builders With Christ

WEST VIRGINIA LEADERS (upper left) — Officers pictured at annual convention are: Front row (left to right) — Tresa West, Mildred Cushwa, Rev. Ister West, president; Geraldine Bargerhuff, and Mrs. Frances Kindelberger. Back row (left to right) — O. R. McElwain, Lyle Noll, Mrs. Emma Richardson, Rev. Donald Cover, Gertrude Peterson, Rev. Allen Fields, and Rev. John Gonso.

MARYLAND OFFICERS (upper right) — Leaders at the State Convention at Western Maryland College are: First row (left to right) — Nellie V. Griffin, junior superintendent; Mrs. Ellen Selby, secretary; Phyllis R. Foss, president; Roger Boone, vice-president; Shirley Benner, corresponding secretary, and M. Marguerite Dicus, literature superintendent. Second row (left to right) — Edward T. Gilliss, district representative; Ruth Kreig, district representative; Ray A. Winter, assistant treasurer; Harriett Krenz, assistant junior superintendent, and Wilton Boswell, publicity superintendent. Back row (left to right) — E. Herbert Wilson, chairman, field secretary committee; M. Virginia Hopkins, alumni superintendent; Warren P. E. Smith, finance chairman; Mabel Albert, district representative and Romayne Miller, district representative.

Warren P. E. Smith Photo.

YOUTH ASSEMBLY (lower left) — Members of the unit of the International Society are pictured at meeting in Washington, D. C., June 13. They are: Front row (left to right) — Virgilene Wyche, Marcia C. James, Alice Goodman, Richard Pruiksma, president; Eunice Nelson, Ann Fulton and Blanche Crawford. Second row (left to right) — Karl Basic, Jean Russell, Harold R. Mulvaney, Trecia Roberts, Lorena Trimmer, Margaret E. Howland and Shirley Eads. Back row (left to right) — Douglas Marsh, Donald Drain, Maxine E. Bond, Franklin Roach, Randolph Dandridge and Rev. Charles E. F. Howe.



SUNFLOWER STATE LEADERS (above) — New officers shown at convention in Wichita, Kansas, are: Seated (left to right) — Glennon Clark, associate president; James Woodburn, assistant treasurer; Maxine E. Bond, president; Wyquita Kearns, secretary, and Arthur Preston, past president. Standing (left to right) are department superintendents — Gaybeth Fritsche, Ada Grace McGee, Charles Hadley, Janice Kreiling, and Mrs. Charles Lanham. James Woodburn Photo.

DENVER PLANNERS (below) — Christian Endeavor leaders who met with Dr. Gene Stone in Colorado's capital June 23 to talk over plans for the International Convention to be held in their city June 22-27, 1953 are: Seated (left to right) — Pauline Palm, Howard Palm, "Scotty" McLeran, Margaret Wood, and Vicky Fair. Standing (left to right) — Hazel Curtis, Eldon Hobbs, Dr. J. Wilson Byers, Rev. Clark Bower, Ralph E. May, Dortha Tillman, Charles McComb, Gus Ecke, Robert Hanson, and Dr. William C. Smolenske.



Young Adult Workshop

LATE SUMMER ROUND-UP

By Bert H. Davis

Are You a Young Adult?

1. Have you finished school?
2. Are you married?
3. Are you self-supporting?
4. Have you left your parents' home?
5. Are you of voting age?
6. Are you a veteran?

You are definitely a Young Adult — in the opinion of the Joint Committee on Adult Work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. — if you have answered *Yes* to three or more of these questions. You may be classified as a Young Adult if you answered *Yes* to only one or two (such as No. 6).

One in Every Four

By such definitions, one in every four persons in your community is a Young Adult.

With others having common interests and experiences, you can be joined in group activities which provide:

1. *Worship experiences* — public, private, and with the family.
2. *Help on questions and problems which arise from your maturing experiences.*
3. *Service and action.*
4. *Fellowship and social experiences.*

The Joint Committee already quoted answers a familiar query, "Where can we find satisfactory opportunities along such lines?"

"The service club, social club, lodge, school are good as far as they go. You and your community would suffer without them.

"Your local church, however, is the only agency that can satisfactorily provide *all* these opportunities."

How the Group Begins

Now we turn to a Young Adult leaflet of the Department of Religious Education, United Christian Missionary Society, for advice on organizing a Young Adult group.

"How many such young adults are in your church?" we quote. "Make a list. You are certain to find the nucleus of one or more fine groups.

"There may be sizeable group of older young people who are not married. And there may be a number of married couples. If yours is a small church you may need to combine the married and unmarried into one group.

"Contact three or four young adults who have similar interests. Choose persons whose influence and judgment are respected by the potential members of a new group. Ask

A PRAYER FOR CITIZENS

At the suggestion of Jesse Richards, North Merrick, Long Island, New York, we're happy to reprint a prayer which Dr. Norman Vincent Peale suggested in a recent issue of the inspirational Christian magazine, "Guideposts":

"Almighty God, I humbly ask guidance that I as a responsible citizen of the United States may see and do my part in helping to choose the right man as our President. Help us to select the man who will follow Thy will in this crisis of our history. Amen."

your pastor to meet with you to survey the local church scene, with a view toward making a comprehensive list of prospective members, current activities and programs, as well as unmet needs.

"Select a tentative date for regular meetings," our advisors continue. "Arrange a live-wire program. Call by telephone, visit, or write all those who are on your list of prospects. If possible give them a personal invitation as well as a written one. Radiate enthusiasm."

From the Denominations

I've reviewed the suggestions of at least six denominations, directed at Young Adult interests and possibilities. Your own denomination probably has material waiting for you right now, and your pastor will tell you to what officer or department to write for both free initial helps and low-cost program material.

Also, for program ideas, you should watch this page and the topics pages of this magazine. For about a year and a half we've been providing quite a wide variety of Young Adult helps, often a page or more to an issue.

A resume of comments and suggestions — fairly representative of all the denominations consulted — might include the following:

Young Adult plans, as now proposed, do not necessarily separate the married from unmarried members — but note the above suggestion to maintain the separate groups if the number of Young Adults in your church permits this. There are numerous topics interesting to young couples that have no immediate appeal to the unmarried worker-away-from-home. Also, the baby-sitter needs (and costs) may sometimes curtail the number of events per year scheduled by a couples' group, as compared to the possibilities for the unmarried Young Adults.

Put lots of "Do" into Young Adult planning. These folks want to carry their ideas into action, and especially most of them are interested in improving the community.

Be prepared to lose some of your Young Adult group leadership to larger leadership in the church itself. The pastor and church officers should not have to apologize for tapping your group president for membership on a church board or a leading position in the church school — even though this will somewhat inconvenience your group and make it necessary to shift Young Adult leadership positions. Think of the group as a reservoir for service and a training center for church and community leaders.

"To meet and eat' and to listen to a speaker is all right at times," writes Raymond V. Kearns, Jr., in *Young Adult Times* (Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.), "but if that is the extent of your experience, then take a look at the group." So much more can be accomplished than merely taking in food and ideas in pleasant company that the Young Adults should regard these phases as only one small part of their reason for being together. It is *doing things together* which will give your group its reason for life and its basis for growth and efficiency as a unit in the Christian Church.

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Faith For Fall

by ERNEST R. BRYAN

By faith we learn to see the invisible, believe the incredible, and do the impossible. In faith we Ask, we Seek and we Knock. When we put those three initial letters together, we have the word ASK. That word is an important part of our planning in faith for a fall program.

In the first place, we should ask God for guidance. The best preparation always is prayer preparation. Then we ask the pastor and other experts for their ideas and their direction in the planning. Then we ask these same people and others for materials. It's well to consult the church librarian or the librarian of the nearby public library for advice on materials to be used in both the planning and the doing.

At some point it would be well to ask your denominational publishing houses and some of the other publishing concerns to send information on what is available in published materials, audio-visual aids, and other helps. Christian Endeavor offices (local, state, and international) also should be asked for information and helps. Sometimes we lack materials simply because we do not ASK.

Whenever we are to do a job we need to muster the necessary resources to do that particular job. We usually think in terms of the three M's of Men, Money, and Material when we say "resources." In our preparations for the Fall program in our societies and unions, the term "men" stands for manpower and woman-power or "personnel." Money is the coin of the realm which can be translated into programs, activities, projects, new commitments to the Master, better trained people for His service.

By material we mean, not only publications and other sources of subject matter information but also our place of meetings, chairs and tables and other equipment, such as bulletin board space, pictures and charts, and whatever else may be useful in promoting and conducting meetings and other events.



Dr. Ernest R. Bryan

The Fall program will be effective in direct proportion to the preparations that go into it. We must proceed to ASK many people to take part in the planning and in the actual doing. The reporting function is also highly important. We should let people know what we are doing and give a pat on the back to all who are taking part. If we make wise use of all the resources at hand we shall soon find that we can have additional resources made available to us. That's where we can have more by ASKING.

An interesting project in itself would be to discover new resources of information. For example, if a missions program is dealing with South America, it would be well to write to the Pan American Union and some of the South American Embassies in Washington, D. C., to get booklets and pictures concerning these countries. Films and other materials are frequently obtainable from air-lines, travel agencies and manufacturers of goods obtained from or sold to some of these countries. Certain government agencies are also appropriate sources of help. The Point Four program of the State Department affords an interesting study

of living conditions in some areas of the world, notably Asia and Africa, and the technical assistance that may be given to these people in an effort to help them raise their standard of living.

Many natives of other countries are working or studying in the United States and perhaps avenues could be opened regarding information about their countries, cultural heritages and general background. We have much to learn from these people and much to offer them and it is well to learn all that we can. Letters to the advisor of foreign students of various schools and colleges might serve to open the way.

C. E. Conventions and Conferences

August

- 3-9—Rocky Mountain Region, Estes Park, Colorado (Conference)
- 3-9—New York, North Chili (Summer Assembly)
- 9-16—Oregon, Camp Adams (Conference)
- 11-15—Virginia, Massanetta Springs
- 11-16—Washington, Cliffdell Camp (Conference)
- 15-20—Alabama, Oak Mountain Park
- 15-20—Ontario, Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching (Summer School)
- 30-Sept. 1—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Conference)
- 30-Sept. 1—Ohio, Camp Muskingum (Conference)
- 30-Sept. 1—Texas (Workers' Conference)

October

- 9-11—New Jersey, Paterson
- 11-13—Ontario, Hamilton
- 23-25—Colorado, Fort Collins
- 24, 25—Massachusetts, Hingham
- November
- 1, 2—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana (Conference)
- 6-9—Missouri, St. Louis
- 28-30—Armenian Inter-State, Detroit, Mich.

Sagamore Union Gives Message Over The Air



A weekly broadcast is presented over Radio Station WTAO in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Sunday at 8 a. m. by the Sagamore Christian Endeavor Union. More than 400 youth from Middlesex County as well as the eleven communities covered by Sagamore have participated in the programs which were started in 1949. The picture shows (left to right): Charles Rathbun, clarinet; Jean Nelson, announcer; Donald Foley, co-director; Roland P. Blodgett, originator of broadcast; Lawrence Deal, former director; Grace Harmon, announcer; Alfred Renaud, announcer; Theodore Durgin, trumpet, and Douglas Bolliver, trombone.

NEW SOCIETY RECEIVES CHARTER



The newly organized Junior High Westminster Christian Endeavor Society is shown in front of the First Presbyterian Church, Passaic, New Jersey, following the morning service Sunday, May 18, which was featured with the presentation of the International Society charter to the society. Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, made the presentation. He was introduced by Past President Allan J. Blair of the New Jersey Union. Dr. George H. Talbott, pastor, installed the officers. Those in rear of picture beginning at extreme left include Dr. Talbott, Dr. Mintel, Mr. Blair, Theresia Aanstoets, church secretary, and Henry W. Willard, Jr., president of the new society.

General Secretary

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Congratulations

Honorable L. O. Breithaupt, former Christian Endeavorer, has recently been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Dominion of Canada.

Dr. Robert W. Rash, member of Educational Committee of International Society and Director of Christian Education of United Brethren in Christ Church, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the commencement of Huntington College, Indiana, June 9.

Dr. John D. Duff, member of Board of Trustees of International Society, was honored by Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa., June 9 when he was presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, a vice-president of International Society, was recently elected Secretary of Foreign Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Paul F. Hurley, former president of Pennsylvania C. E. Union and a member of the Educational Committee of International Society, started a new position as superintendent of Park Green Union Schools, Loysville, Pa., July 1.

Dr. Lee Edwin Walker has been elected general secretary of the Broad of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church. Dr. Walker is vice-president of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

We Extend Sympathy

Our sympathy and love go to Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan on the passing of Mrs. Bryan's father, Howard S. Gott, of Washington, D. C., June 26. Mr. Gott was a member of the International Society.

WEDDING BELLS RING

Mary Lou Allman, president of Kansas City C. E. Union, was married to Walter Rosebrough June 22. Walter is studying for the ministry and Mary Lou is preparing for Christian Education work.

IRISH TO FORM SOCIETY FOR DEAF AND DUMB YOUTH

The Irish Christian Endeavor Union will soon add to its numbers a society made up of deaf and dumb people. This unique group is a part of the Kingham Mission for the deaf and dumb. After a witness service arranged by the superintendent of the mission, in which 13 of the young people took part by giving their testimony, reading the Scriptures or rendering hymns in the deaf language, the group of young people organized into a Christian Endeavor Society. This is the only society of its kind in Ireland and perhaps throughout the world.

HOLD STREET MEETING

An important part of the work of Delaware Branch Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a series of street meetings held during the summer months. This is a part of the evangelistic outreach of the union. Films will be shown at the meetings and young people from the societies will participate. Harvey E. Kettering is president of the group.

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HEADS MISSION WORK

Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, a vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was elected secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the A. M. E. Zion Church at its Quadrennial meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y., in May.

Mr. Hoggard for a number of years has been director of youth work of his denomination and has been pastor of the Little Rock Church, Charlotte, N. C. In his new position Mr. Hoggard has his headquarters in Washington, D. C.



Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard

FRED PORTER HONORED

The program of the 60th annual convention of the Texas C.E. Union held in Houston, June 19-22, was dedicated to Fred B. Porter, for many years a leader in the Lone Star State.

Mr. Porter, who lives at Fort Worth, is a trustee in the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Catherine Burt to Rev. Jerry Yerian, field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, has recently been announced. September 6 is the wedding date.

TO SERVE IN INDIA

Wilma Maassen of Sheldon, Iowa, will leave in September for India, where she will be a missionary educator.

Miss Maassen was president of the Iowa Christian Endeavor Union until the state convention in June. She graduated this year from Central College, Pella, Iowa, where she majored in religious education. She is a member of the First Reformed Church of Sheldon.



Wilma Maassen

GOVERNOR McKELDIN TO ADDRESS RALLY

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin will speak at a mass meeting of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union August 3.

This Four-County rally will be at Parr's Spring where Carroll, Howard, Montgomery and Frederick Counties meet. August 3 will be observed as Maryland Day, the day on which the Cross of Religious Tolerance was first raised in America.

New Jersey Sets Registration Record

All records for advance registrations were shattered at the Pre-Convention Rally of the New Jersey C. E. Union held in the Broadway Baptist Church, Paterson, June 6. It was announced that 1,867 had already registered for the convention to be held in Paterson October 9-11.

The advance total exceeds the final total of 1,791 at Somerville last year, which was the highest in twenty years, according to Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, executive secretary.

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I Go On Learning

II Timothy 2:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Pattern For the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps.
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible Selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This meeting comes at the end of vacation time, when youthful minds are turned, either reluctantly or joyfully, toward a new school year. It may be the opening meeting for the season, or it may merely mark a new seasonal emphasis if you have been meeting throughout the summer. Whatever the situation let it have the freshness of a new approach, together with new thoughts and ideas on this important subject. If you have recent graduates from high school or college, they might take a few minutes to explain their future plans, especially regarding their further preparation for their life goals. An educator might bring a few thoughts on the necessity for an adequate education, or specialized training, or continued mental growth. Literature on education may be secured from your denomination, and distributed to your members. Perhaps a film or slides from one of your colleges may be secured (in advance) and add much interest and information to the meeting. Begin a poster series, announcing each week's meeting in your church and community. Make the posters simple and brief, but informative about the meeting. In general, try today to present the cause of continued learning in a favorable light and try to awaken a realization of its importance. Under the guidance of the leader of the meeting, one or more young people may be led to say "I go on learning."

Aim of the Topic

1. To help young people realize the lasting value of learning continually.
2. To emphasize the importance of continued growth, intellectually and spiritually.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

1. How can we "learn to learn"?
2. When do we stop learning?
3. How do we best learn to live?
4. How can we learn to grow?
5. By what steps do we grow spiritually?
6. In what other areas can we go on learning?
7. If you "go on learning" in what ways can you help others?

Learning to Learn

Someone has said that an education is learning how to learn. When one has completed an academic course, whether in high school, college, or graduate school, he has been exposed to an infinite amount of knowledge. He has acquired an infinitesimal portion of it. He has usually found a great respect for the vast amount he has not conquered or acquired. Better than all this, however, he has learned where this knowledge is stored; he has learned the art of seeking out its mysteries and its rewards. If he has learned how to learn more, and has a reasonable amount of intellectual curiosity, he can then begin the true process of education. He will seek out and learn for himself. Assignments, home work, term papers, forced cramming will all be nuisances of the past. At this point, a person begins to learn for the sheer joy of learning and of knowing and of doing. We go on learning in this fashion for all of life.

Those who are still in school, or have opportunity to be, may well pursue their learning with this in mind. Of course, it is only the very stupid who give up school when it is not necessary, or who do not avail themselves of every opportunity for further education. We do not always realize that it provides the very equipment we need for future learning and for the success of our chosen vocation. We go on learning in order that we may go on learning further.

Learning to Live

There is much in formal education that helps us to live. By this means we lay the foundations for our professions and arts, our trades and crafts. Whether in school or out, we should continue to learn more about our work and its improvement. By means of education we love and appreciate the arts, we understand the sciences, we are led to an appreciation of history and the great ones who made it. We are refined by its influence and are enabled to live more gracious and useful lives. The culture of which we are a part becomes more real to us and we indeed realize that there is more to life than making a living. Our learning should take in the great spiritual values in life, also. We can be ever more aware of the great intangible and invisible forces around us that influence life so greatly. Study of books, study of situation, study of people, and study of God will reveal this in an unfolding way. Life is a series of trial and error experiences and we suffer or rejoice according to the way we meet them. But we must strike out in faith and learn said, "Nothing would be done at all if a to do by doing. John Henry Newman once

Daily Readings

- M., Sept. 1. Seeking the Knowledge of God. Prov. 2:3-5
T., Sept. 2. The Wise Seek Knowledge. Prov. 15:32
W., Sept. 3. The Foolish Hearken Not. Zech. 7:11-13
T., Sept. 4. Willing to Listen. Prov. 19:20, 21
F., Sept. 5. True Wisdom from Above. James 3:13-18
S., Sept. 6. Effort Required. Eccl. 7:23-25
Sun., Sept. 7. Topic—I Go On Learning. II Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:4-9.

man waited till he could do it so well that no one would find fault with it." We go on learning to live, knowing that the best we have is none too good for the life our Lord has given us.

Learning to Grow

While a person goes on learning in formal education and while he continues to learn great lessons from life, he should also be receptive to the teaching of God. To say "I go on learning — in spiritual things," is the most wise and profound promise a youth can make. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15) is a commission to spiritual learning and leadership. We are told likewise to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Paul challenges us with his own testimony, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect . . . reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14). He continued to learn, to press on, to grow, and in this we find the secret of his victory. Ephesians 4:23 charges us, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." These and many other passages from God's Holy Word urge us on to continued learning and growth, in things spiritual. We are not unlike a tree or a flower in that when we stop growing we immediately begin to die. The growing mind is a dynamic mind. The growing spiritual life is a fruitful, joyous one, blessed of God and a blessing to men.

One should take a spiritual inventory from time to time, to ascertain the degree of his growth, or retardation. We should be stronger and better, more Christian, today than we were a year ago. New aims must be set, new goals of growth undertaken if we are to go on learning in the most important area of life.

A SEED THOUGHT

"We must know to glow."
Analyze this thought.

Education Is A MUST

First Topic in a Series on "Getting An Education"
Ecclesiastes 7:19, Matthew 12:33-37; Jeremiah 9:23, 24

Our Aim

1. To go "back to school" with high zest.
2. To see that education is not only a "must" but an "opportunity."
3. To see need for "religious education."

Bore or Privilege?

It is "back to school," familiar routines and surroundings for millions. Among many Intermediates it is "the smart thing" to pretend to hate school and no one would ever dare to confess that he or she liked it—or parts of it anyway. "Isn't it awful that the holidays are over?" "I wish I didn't have to go to school!" "It is terrible being cooped up indoors for hours doing the most stupid things." How many similar remarks to these are made! It is quite natural to regret that vacation is over, particularly if they have been happy days, with hikes and picnics, swimming and ball, and time for all kinds of interesting hobbies. The attitude of de-testing school is often a bit of a pose, and if it is genuine it is rather silly and childish.

Attending school is really a privilege as it provides the opportunity to prepare for the future. Secular education is now considered to be one of the most important responsibilities of the state. The ancient Greeks and Romans had schools for both girls and boys. There is no mention of schools in the Old Testament, for the homes were the school-room of the children and the parents were the teachers. A school is spoken of in Acts 19:9, which Paul used as a meeting-place for his disciples. The word "school" is derived from the Greek word "scholē" meaning "leisure." The Latin word is "schola," and the French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Danish words for school all closely resemble each other.

Not so very long ago it used to be that education was a boy's right, and only a small percentage of the girls went to school. In many countries today there are thousands of girls who have never been to school and who cannot read or write.

The Young Revolutionist, a story of modern China, tells how the hero, Kosen, heard his young captain say, "One day all common men and common women, even the women in the houses of the poor, shall read and know what they read." At once Kosen thinks of Sui-May, his sister, and longs that she, too, should be able to read.

What American and Canadian boys and girls have taken for granted is just coming true for youth in other sections of the world. We forget that education is our great opportunity.

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Prov. 2:3-5.
T., Sept. 2. The Wise Seek Knowledge.
Prov. 15:14.
W., Sept. 3. The Foolish Hearken Not.
Zech. 7:11-14.
T., Sept. 4. Knowing Truth Brings Freedom.
John 8:31, 32.
F., Sept. 5. Knowing God Leads to Life Eternal.
John 17:3.
S., Sept. 6. Warning Against Idleness.
Prov. 24:30-34.
Sun., Sept. 7. Topic—Education Is a Must. Eccl. 7:19; Matt. 12:33-37; Jer. 9:23, 24.

Go Back to School With "Expectation"

Every youth has great expectations. But great expectations of what? Of lessons, of new friendships, of social activities? If you had no previous contact with high school, I know you probably see before you a wealth of new experience. Now that you have had a week's acquaintance with all that goes on are you changing your minds about it? Have some of your hopes been shattered? Don't, however, let one or two disappointments lend their flavor to the remaining four years of your life here. There is hard, but delightful, work in adjusting yourselves.

Go Back to School to "Obtain"

David Starr Jordan, late president emeritus of Leland Stanford University, in an address to youth said:

"Your first duty in life is to your after-self. So live that the man you ought to be may, in his time, be possible, be actual. Far away in the years he is waiting his turn. His body, brain and soul are in your boyish hands. What will you leave for him? . . . Will you, boy, let him come as a man among men in his time? Or will you throw away his inheritance before he has had a chance to touch it?"

Go Back to School to Have "Self-Respect"

That youth may not miss or squander "that better possession, ourselves," is the most vital consideration youth has to face. But it is chiefly a personal affair. "To thine ownself be true" is entirely a personal charge. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" is likewise. It is also wise counsel. To become the man or

woman one might be calls for qualities of heart and spirit as well as of mind. For out of them only can be wrought the self-discipline, integrity and self-respect that make for a way of life which continually opens out into more life. I Cor. 9.

Go Back to School to Be "Useful to God"

The secular school does not carry us into a Christian atmosphere. But we can still train to be useful to Him. Discuss how.

Keep Your Mind at Work

Most of us off-handedly think of intelligence simply as the ability to get good grades. Others think of it as the chance to accumulate information. The smart person is the "brainy" one, the one who knows a lot. Actually is it as simple as that?

The experts says these days, after years of painstaking study and analysis, that this is just one of the aspects. There are many types of mental ability which are just as important as book learning in helping us get along in life.

Take Ben, for instance. He has an almost uncanny skill in putting together radios. His garage is full of sets he's made up from scraps of material gathered from everywhere. He spends hours exchanging messages with "ham" operators and he has already picked up a nest egg repairing radios in the neighborhood. He will succeed in this line of work, yet he's never among the "bright" boys in school, and he never was voted the one most likely to succeed.

School for some, is chiefly a place to "star" in athletics. Teachers with "school spirit" stretch a point with grades to keep them on the teams. Even in athletics, though, the "stars" must learn discipline. Sometimes being in training creates a discipline of not smoking and staying up late.

Sometimes when we have to drive ourselves to get assignments done we wonder if it is worth the price to get an education. What are the real values in life of mental discipline? Must schools provide for mental, spiritual and physical discipline to really be fulfilling their objectives?

The Ability to Reason

Many times we are told that algebra, Latin and other subjects are a "must" in order that we may learn to reason. Is this so because we must gain the ability to weigh decisions and make a course of action? Do we foresee consequences when we reason things through? Is it better to reason a thing through than to butt one's head against a stone wall?

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TO PROVOKE DISCUSSION

1. Name two reasons why you are glad to go back to school.
2. Why does the nation require its youth to be educated?
3. Is education necessary for a democracy?
4. How can we make the most of this year in school?
5. How can we be educated better in religious matters?

The Art Of Making Decisions

First Topic in a Series on "Factors In Meeting Problems"

Joshua 24:14, 15; Psalm 37:5, 6

Pattern For the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps.
 Pray for God's blessing and help.
 Study the Bible Selections given.
 Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
 Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

At this season of the year most young people's groups are getting started with their regular Fall schedule. It is good at such times to study together this series of topics on "Factors In Meeting Problems." This week's topic stresses "making decisions." We leave behind us a summer of work, vacation, and varied activities, and go into a busy season of school, steady work, and more definite program. Suddenly we realize that many decisions have been made and are being made, whether noted at the time or not. If decisions had to be made, there must first have been problems. In order to make this topic more interesting and to prove that there are various problems it would be well to have a question box at the meeting, where problems can be secretly written, but openly discussed as these three meetings unfold. Put into practice the ideas and methods of solving problems that have been discussed and learned. If possible, announce that there will be opportunity for a question box, so more thought can be given to it. Perhaps leave it in a convenient place for a few days.

Aim of the Topic

1. To point out the presence and reality of problems.
2. To learn ways of making wise decisions.
3. To realize that God gives help.

There ARE Problems

No matter who you are, where you are, what your age, — there are problems. It always seems that the state of youth is the "problem age." There are so many decisions to be made. Nevertheless, life goes on and problems follow always.

Within each group of young people, there are doubtless some wondering if they chose

the right school, the right course, the right vacation, the right after-school job, or steady job. There is always the problem of choosing our friends, our moral standards, our life mates, and more than can be readily added. Daily smaller problems arise that are for only a day, an evening, or an hour, but the decision may have a lasting effect. For example: whether to go out with the gang or study when there's important work to be done, take just one drink or not, smoke just this once or not, go to church or take advantage of the last picnic of the season, get angry at some thoughtless word or forget it, speed because you're late or obey the law regardless, observe fishing and hunting seasons and laws or your own desire "to get away with" something. These are but a few of the endless number each one can name.

Had you realized that life is so complicated? Without a doubt, no day passes without our making decisions affecting both our physical and spiritual lives. As one sees more clearly the poverty, ruin, and disgrace or the character, respect, and blessing that lay before him, with himself the chooser, he is perhaps ready to sit back and learn how to wisely and accurately choose.

Be Prepared!

Some problems arise in everyone's life and it is known by each one that some day he'll have to decide what he's going to do about it. In order to overcome those problems successfully, *now* is the time to decide how they will be met. When one waits until the problem arises, then circumstances make necessary a hasty solution. Often it's the easiest and the wrong one. One must decide now what his response should be. Then when the problem arises, the decision is already partly made. Stand by any such wise plan or solution. Don't reconsider when problem and person stand face to face. It is too easy to compromise then and the chances are you will not meet it in a wise intelligent way.

Each problem should be weighed and carefully studied. Some questions to ask oneself: Who benefits? What example am I setting for others? What result will be seen in my life? What will my loved ones think of me? Which way is easiest or hardest? What would Jesus do? (Read "In His Steps" by Charles Sheldon in which this question is used throughout. Make the question "What Would Jesus do?" a part of your every day living. Your problems will be more wisely met and readily answered.)

There IS Power!

It is not expected nor is it reasonable that one individual can solve all his problems alone. It is often necessary for young people

"THE CRACKER BARREL"

1. Name some major decisions to be made in everyone's life.
2. What additional, serious problems may result if we don't plan our decisions before the problems arise?
3. How has this topic helped to prepare you to make decisions?
4. How does God help us solve problems?
5. Do you agree that our problems can all be solved by the "one decision"? Why or why not?
6. Does the question "What would Jesus do?" help in all problems? Discuss.
7. Tom has decided never to drink. When the fellows tease and insist, should he (a) still refuse (b) pretend to drink and not (c) drink to please them?

to seek help from their parents, teachers, counselors, pastors, and other leaders. Just discussing things with another, gives us help, courage, and power.

The greatest source of power is too often overlooked. God, our Heavenly Father, will guide each one in all he does, if he will look to Him for help and lean upon Him in faith. God's Word tells us, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" in Psalm 37:5. There is the promise. It clearly teaches that those who have faith that God will lead, will be led by Him. No power is as great as that which comes from on High.

In another portion of God's Book is found "In all thy ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6). Therefore, those who leave their lives in God's hands will have no real problems, as the way will be opened, and the path directed. How easy life really can be and how its complications can be solved if it is lived as God planned!

There is only one decision to be made in a life time, if made wisely. Problems become merely stepping stones. When the decision is made to accept the Christ as personal Savior and Lord we not only have the gift of eternal life, but the promise that as we lean upon Him and follow His example our way of life will be clearly laid before us.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

"Christ is the answer to all of our problems. He holds the key to the whole world's peace. If we believe Him, if we receive Him, Christ is the answer to all our needs."

A SEED THOUGHT

"There is no road to success, except through a clear, strong purpose."

Daily Readings

- M., Sept. 8. A Deceptive Way. Prov. 14:12, 13.
 T., Sept. 9. Wrong Counsel Heeded.
 II Chron. 10:6-11.
 W., Sept. 10. Beware of Satan's Devices.
 II Cor. 2:9-11.
 T., Sept. 11. Be on the Lord's Side.
 Psalm 118:5-8.
 F., Sept. 12. An Important Decision. Ex. 32:26.
 S., Sept. 13. The Great Choice. Deut. 30:15-20.
 Sun., Sept. 14. Topic—The Art of Making Decisions. Josh. 24:14, 15; Psalm 37:5.

Tips on How to Study

Second Topic in a Series on "Getting An Education"
II Chronicles 31:20, 21; Proverbs 3:13-20

Our Aim

1. To stimulate Intermediates to have eager and inquiring minds.
2. To get basic methods of studying.
3. To apply ourselves to the pursuit of knowledge—both secular and religious.

Discipline Needed

To study demands discipline and perseverance. "Don't be a greasy grind," says the voice of the tempter. Most of us need warning against studying too hard about as much as Eskimos need warning against sunstroke. We need instead to be warned against this silly notion that study doesn't get you very far and that the big values are all outside the classroom.

The number of students who drop out of school between the beginning of the Freshman year and the end of the Senior year is appalling. The reasons are multiple and varied. Generally it is a matter of either a lack of finances or a failure to appreciate the value of an education. Not all of those leaving school during this period could avoid doing so, but the majority of them could undoubtedly have finished.

All noble things cost, and few things worth having may be had for nothing. The value generally decreases with the decreasing cost. A good education, however it is obtained, is seldom obtained easily. It costs heavily in discipline and perseverance. Significantly enough, discipline and perseverance generally accompany a consecrated, humble spirit and an eager, inquiring mind.

Many a young person, wishing to be free from the requirements of daily assignments and term papers, responds to the "call of freedom" and seemingly much more desirable independence of a well-paying job. The years inevitably reveal the galling responsibility for term papers has only been exchanged for the galling responsibility of eight full hours of work a day and an increasing lack of resources with which to respond to such responsibility.

How to Study

So let's discuss some tips on how to study:

1. Make it fun.

Study isn't the bugaboo some lazy chaps would have you believe. It's fun. When you sit down to study, determine the relative importance of statements, distinguishing between material which does and does not relate to the question under discussion.

2. Take notes and summarize.

Take notes systematically. Get the habit of writing the gist of a paragraph in one sentence and of making a final summary of all the main points of a lesson.

FOR DISCUSSION TIME

1. How can we find personal value in everything the teachers require of us?
2. Do teachers like us to ask questions?
3. Interview a teacher on study methods he or she finds effective.
4. Can you study effectively with the radio on?
5. Is it easier for two to study together?
6. Why does the Christian youth feel he must make the most of his opportunities to learn?

3. Have a definite goal.

Franklin once said, "He that hath a trade hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath an office of profit and honor." A boy who drifts through his years of school without much thought of whither he is bound is likely to find his education a disappointment.

4. Find a spot where you can concentrate.

It is necessary for you to settle down in a place where you can apply yourself. This may be in your room, the library or some other spot.

5. Learn to read fast.

Today's assignments are long. Determine to get the gist of your reading at a rapid rate.

6. Chew over new ideas.

When you get a new thought or discover a new idea turn it around in your mind. Discuss such with others.

7. Be Honest.

Acquire the ability to study all your lessons and study them until you know them, without constant prodding from parents and teachers. You know what it is like to carry money around without having it burn a hole in your pocket. Have the honesty to write what you know on an examination without "cribbing" from the person who sits next to you.

8. Test yourself frequently, keep in practice.

Use your outline notes and problems to test yourself.

You can often "predict" nearly every question on an exam if you just review your notes closely and recall the teacher's points of emphasis. There is little need to have to say later, "Wow! Was that quiz a tough one."

Daily Readings

- M., Sept. 8. Study as Good Workmen. II Tim. 2:14-16.
T., Sept. 9. How to be Fruitful in Knowledge of Christ. II Peter 1:1-9.
W., Sept. 10. True Wisdom from Above. James 3:13-18.
T., Sept. 11. Willing to Listen. Prov. 19:20, 21.
F., Sept. 12. Effort Required. Eccl. 7:23-25.
S., Sept. 13. Learning by Experience. John 4:39-42.
Sun., Sept. 14. Topic—Tips on How to Study. II Chron. 31:20, 21; Prov. 3:13-20.

I wasn't prepared for that kind of test at all! Bet I flunked that one."

9. Ask help long before assignments too greatly discourage you.

Letting the whole matter bog down so badly that you may have to spend weeks in getting out of the mess surely is not smart.

Suppose you have studied as hard and long as you think the assignment should require and still the work is not understandable. Or suppose the teacher's explanation does not sufficiently clarify a problem for you. Courteously indicate that you do not quite understand point so-and-so and would appreciate further help on the problem.

The teacher may suggest that your return after class for personal help. That might do the trick, if you accept in the right mood to learn.

10. When you sit down to study a certain subject, set a goal of ground to cover.

Promise yourself that you may do something you especially enjoy or look forward to when you have learned a certain amount. Then you will be able to concentrate better than when you simply attempt to study the subject a certain amount of time. When you set a time budget, you may be apt simply to "pass the time," but when you are working toward a reward, you do not lose time in daydreaming and "wool-gathering."

Learning your way around beats all the guess-and-muddle systems so many teenagers try to employ in wiggling through courses.

If school is worth attending, it surely ought to be worth getting as much as you can out of the time and effort and money involved! That seems just common sense, when you think about it a minute.

With insight and application, the right high school course for you can contain large measures of fun and satisfaction. Get your share by doing a good job daily!

Which Student Type Are You? (as Seen by a Teacher)

When Elizabeth enters the room there is a smile of approval upon the faces of many of the students and my own reaction is a pleasant one. She is plainly but neatly dressed. Her lady-like poise is not so extreme as to make her seem, in any sense, prudish. She smiles benignly at me as she seats herself in her accustomed place, arranges her books neatly on the floor beside her, places her notebook on the arm of her chair, lays her pen in a convenient place, and settles quietly ready for work.

Ted happens to be seated next to Elizabeth simply because his name is Harris and hers is Harbaugh. Ted slouches into his chair, drops three books on the floor with a bang.

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Resources For Times Of Crisis

Second Topic in a Series on "Factors In Meeting Problems"

Ephesians 6:10-18; Philippians 4:13

Pattern For the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps.

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible Selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the second in a series of three on "Factors in Meeting Problems." The first one specifically mentioned the presence of problems and suggested ways of making decisions. This topic emphasizes different helps that are available in meeting problems properly. Last week it was suggested that there be a Question Box to bring out the problems of your members. To prove the presence of resources, go over some of these problems, using the resources suggested, to see if they really help. Every time a young person is confronted with a problem, it is a time of crisis for him, but this topic is planned to suggest ways that these crises can be brought quickly under control.

Another possible way of making the meeting more interesting and attractive is by posting pictures in advance that illustrate problems. In this way some young people might see a picture of their own problem, and if the words "Find The Solution," "Stop Worrying," "We Have The Answer" or something similar were posted, they might be attracted to your meeting. It may be that you will not only win a member but Christ might win a life.

Aim of the Topic

1. To point out helps for young people facing problems.

There ARE Resources!

Many people become discouraged, nervous and fretful when problems large or small are before them. Last week it was pointed out that "Christ is the answer to all of our problems." This topic is designed to show how Christ is the answer and in what ways we find help from Him.

"I Can Do All Things—"

God, and other Christians with God's help, provide us with resources, and with help in making decisions. Rich spiritual resources are

A SEED THOUGHT

"God give me grace to see
That if Thy will is done
It must be done by me."

found in The Books of Ephesians and Philippians. Knowing there are helps greater than our needs, it is comforting to recall the verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13).

If youth does not have the faith to go with his knowledge, tragic disasters result. It is one thing to know where to find help and how to be helped but is quite another thing to make use of this knowledge. Paul makes the promises that "all things" can be done through Christ, because Christ provides us with the strength.

According to this promise, each one would give this verse a special place in his memory, referring to it frequently. Its remembrance gives an extra source of power. When life looks discouraging, problems seem sky high, and a worthwhile decision appears impossible, this verse shows that "all" things are possible, but only through Christ, the source of strength.

As youth, it is necessary to understand that there are decisions to be made Christ is the answer to all our problems. He provides every aid in finding solutions. We, very insignificant beings, can do all things with Christ's help. We must only follow Him.

In order to take our problems to God we must talk to Him through His Son. That is prayer. What a comfort it is to talk to Him when upset and undecided. Immediately there is a peace and relaxation that makes one more prepared and ready to deal with these problems sensibly.

The best way to hear God's voice is by reading His words in the Bible. Especially is His guidance clear in the New Testament, as Christ's steps and ways are traced. He had the solution before any of us ever had a problem. The next best way to hear His voice is through His Servants in the Church, Sunday school, and other Christian organizations. As one studies and shows himself eager to learn, he does learn.

"Christ is the Answer" also by providing Christian friends with whom we can talk frankly, and learn from their experiences. It is often helpful to hear how others have tried to solve problems and see if they were really solved. Our main source of help comes through faith in Jesus Christ. If we truly trust in Him and have faith He will direct us He will always lead us into the proper paths.

Naturally, we need material things to solve our problems. Books, money, work, people, cars, radio, television, telephones, etc., all help, and these are usually available with fairly little effort on any one person's part, if they

Daily Readings

M., Sept. 15. The Holy Spirit. John 14:15-16.
T., Sept. 16. The Word of the Lord. Deut. 8:1-3.
W., Sept. 17. God Supplies Needs. Phil. 4:18-20.
T., Sept. 18. The Power of Faith. Mark 11:20-24.
F., Sept. 19. The Name of the Lord. I Sam. 17:43-47.
S., Sept. 20. God's Grace Sufficient. II Cor. 12:8-10.
Sun., Sept. 21. Topic—Resources for Times of Crisis. Eph. 6:10-18; Phil. 4:13.

are truly essential. These material things help but they are not the answer to our inner problems. These are spiritual in nature, and so, have to be met with a power that is of the spirit. The greatest resource of all is found in the opening words of our own Christian Endeavor pledge, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength—".

"Put On the Whole Armor"

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. In reading and studying that precious portion of God's Word the instructions are clear that we are expected to have faith in the Lord knowing His power. We must put on the whole armor, which is faith, righteousness, knowledge and the Christian graces. Then the temptations and will of the devil will not conquer us. We will be stronger. Our fight is not with people as much as it is with wickedness, the power of Satan, or unwise patterns of living. If we are fully prepared with the whole armor, and have decided to be strong, we shall be.

As truthfulness surrounds us, as righteousness protects us, with peace as our foundation, and faith before us, wickedness will not make an impression on our lives. With the promise of salvation, the presence of the Spirit of Christ, belief in the Word of God, much prayer and faith, we are prepared for any possible problems. With these attitudes, decisions are made without a serious problem.

If we follow Christ's teachings, we make ourselves strong in the Lord. If we have faith that He will lead us and follow His word we have on the whole armor of God.

THINK IT OVER

1. What resources have we discovered are available?
2. What is "the armor" referred to in Ephesians 6?
3. What is the difference between material and spiritual resources?
4. Where do we get our material resources?
5. How quickly can we get spiritual help?
6. Is it wise to use these spiritual helps in preference to material ones?
7. How important is the word "all" in Philippians 4:13? Do you fully believe in the verse?

Why Must a Christian Pray?

First Topic in a Series on "When We Pray"
Luke 11:5-13; Psalm 121

Our Aim

1. To understand the true reason for prayer.
2. To gain greater dependence on prayer.
3. To have contact with God at all times.

Prayer Rewards

The rewards of a life of prayer are tremendous. There is no obstacle which is too great for God's grace. None too high for those who live with God in Christ.

In our own puny strength we may seek after our own ends and selfish desires, but there comes a time in our lives when, if we let down the barriers of pride and confess our inability to face this world alone, God provides us with that peace which passes understanding and which remains ours so long as our hearts are on Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

Listening Range

Jesus is always within range of our voices. He has promised in simple words, "Lo, I am with you always," to be our constant companion. How simple, then, it becomes to turn our hearts to prayer—when we need to ask forgiveness, when we want to thank Him for a sudden insight into truth, when we need to bless His name for answered prayer, when we stand in awe of the beauty of His earth, when our souls are glad for understanding friends, when we would plead His mercy or ask His aid.

What Can Prayer Do to the One Who Prays?

Prayer unifies the person who prays. It should leave him far nearer than it found him to being a coherent, self-consistent, unanimous person, at one with himself.

Prayer gives perspective. Dr. Cabot likens it to the climbing of a tree by a man who is lost in the woods. It gets him no farther on his way, but it gives him his bearings. Great things grow little and little things grow great, and all of life undergoes revaluation when we really pray.

Prayer brings poise and peace. "The habit of anxiety has for its opposite the habit of prayer," Paul told his Philippian friends: "In everything by prayer . . . let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Prayer allows confession. The poet Burns lamented that he could not without later regret pour out his soul unreservedly to anyone. But prayer affords precisely that opportunity. And sooner or later everyone of us craves such confession. A Christian makes his con-

Daily Readings

M., Sept. 15. Prayer and Peaceful Lives. I Tim. 2:1-3.
T., Sept. 16. Prayer in Worship. Psalm 95:1-7a.
W., Sept. 17. Prayer as Incense. Psalm 141:1-2.
T., Sept. 18. Prayer and Praise. Psalm 148:1-14.
F., Sept. 19. Prayer and Thanksgiving. Phil. 4:6;
S., Sept. 20. Prayer Exhorted. I Thess. 5:16-18.
Sun. Sept. 21. Topic—Why Must a Christian Pray? Luke 11:5-13; Ps. 121.

fession in prayer in the confidence that he speaks to a Friend who completely understands him.

Prayer nourishes personality. We have all seen persons deepened by a fine human friendship. If mere human fellowship can so enrich a man, how much more will intercourse with God, the source of all personality, enrich him?

Prayer rights our motives within us. Someone has remarked that we can pray for those we hate, but we cannot hate those we pray for. True prayer warps round our purposes to conform to God's purposes. Clement of Alexandria likened its effect to that of sailors on an anchored ship, pulling on the anchor chain. They appear to be pulling the anchorage to the ship, but really pull the ship over the anchorage.

Prayer gives power. Napoleon, before battle, so they say, summoned his marshals one by one into his tent, gripped their hands in silence, and sent each to duty fired with resolve to do his utmost. Prayer takes us into the presence of God himself.

Now all this prayer may do for a man, irrespective of whether or not God exists, or, existing, hears, or, hearing, wants to help, or wanting, is able to. If only a man prays in faith, these things prayer may accomplish for him. But men would not pray long if they did not believe that their prayers were more than self-communing. As Rufus M. Jones says, "We can pray with dynamic effect on ourselves only when we pray with living faith in Something more than ourselves."

Some Laws of Effective Prayer

The first law of prayer is faith. Hebrews 11:6, Mark 11:24. "He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and is a Rewarder

of them that diligently seek Him." He who would pray effectively must believe in the existence of God, in His power and in His willingness to answer prayer in harmony with His will. Said a great scholar recently, "The best proof of the efficacy of prayer is to pray."

The second law is the spirit of penitence and humility. The only prayer a sinner has any right to pray is the prayer for pardon, and this is only possible where the sinner is truly penitent. Luke 18:13. The Christian who approaches God in prayer must come with a sincere sense of dependence and need. Matt. 5:3.

The third law is the forgiving spirit. Mark 11:25, Psalm 66:18, Matthew 6:12, I John 3:21-22. God cannot answer the prayers of those who harbor hatred or bitterness or sin of any kind in their hearts. Perhaps this is the secret of some Christians' unanswered prayers.

The fourth law is the surrendered will. Our prayers to be answered must be in harmony with God and His will. We must ask in Jesus' name, which always means in conformity with His will and purposes for our lives. John 15:7, Matthew 26:38-44, Hebrews 5:7.

The fifth law is the faith that claims the answer. Prayer is asking; faith is taking. Many people pray continually and repeatedly, but they never claim the answer to their prayers by appropriating the blessing for which they are praying. I John 3:21-22, I John 5:14-15, Matt. 9:29.

Enrichment Materials

SOLO — "Lord, For Tomorrow and Its Needs."

HYMNS — "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer;" "Take Time to Be Holy."

FEATURE — "God's Help in Ages Past." (Have read by two young people Psalms 42 and 43. These two Psalms tell the experience of a man who, in the midst of trouble, was always sustained by his faith in God. Point out that the first reader represents the man in his moments of despair, while the second reader represents his "better self" — or the voice of God speaking through his conscience).

First reader: Psalm 42:1-4.

Second reader: Psalm 42:5.

First reader: Psalm 42:6-10.

Second reader: Psalm 42:11.

First reader: Psalm 43:1-4.

Second reader: Psalm 43:5.

UNISON: Psalm 23.

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QUESTIONS

1. Do we learn to pray by praying?
2. Don't we often defeat our prayers by failing to follow our petitions with righteous living and earnest efforts to help God to answer our prayers?
3. Is it an insult to ask God for an answer to a prayer that rises to our lips in a spirit of vanity and selfishness? Why?
4. How does faith help our praying?
5. What is one prayer you are sure was answered?

Making The Best Of Second Choices

Third Topic in a Series on "Factors In Meeting Problems"
Colossians 3:17; Ecclesiastes 9:10a

Pattern of the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps.
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible Selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the last of a series entitled "Factors In Meeting Problems." In the first we discussed problems and decisions; in the second, helps available in solving them. In this topic it is desirable to point out that often it is necessary to make a second choice, and then make the best of it. Disappointment, and even bitterness, often come as a result when one fails to be successful in getting his first choice.

Aim of the Topic

To teach youth to be happy with second choices by making the best of them.

There ARE Choices!

In the last two weeks it has been pointed out that there are problems facing youth, but that there are also sources of help in solving these problems. Now it is found that there are also choices. There is a definite difference between a decision and a choice. "Decision" is a settling of a dispute within self with determination and firmness. "Choice" is the act of making a selection. One shows strength of character; the other shows good or bad taste.

In school life there are many choices to make. First of all, one school might be preferred by a young person, but because of finances, transportation, living quarters, lack of tuition, or courses offered, a second choice is necessary. Within the school, a course, subject or sport might be chosen. Sometimes because of health, or ability, another choice must be made. Following school and after choosing a career it may be found impossible to go on with this chosen work because of finances, health, ability, right technique, age limits, etc. It becomes evident that a second choice must be made.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What second choice have you had to make?
2. Have you made your best effort in making this choice a success?
3. Name Bible characters who had to make second choices. Name people today.
4. What should we do before we even make first choices?

In more practical every-day life, second choices are also necessary. House plans can be forced into change because of finances, materials available, or change of location making plans impractical. Car choices must be changed because of cost, availability, or change of design. In the more serious matter of selecting a life mate, though your first choice may seem ideal, home ties, difference in religious faith, change in Christian standards, or losing to a more successful rival may necessitate a second choice.

In the old familiar story of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27), Jacob had to make a choice. Should he obey his mother's commands and steal a blessing, or not obey, and miss his father's blessing? The choices before him were not good and he chose the lesser. The brothers of Joseph (the owner of the coat of many colors) had to make a choice as they tried to dispose of their brother, who was so much loved by the father. Their choice was not a wise one either (Genesis 37). What was wrong with these choices?

There *are* choices to be made; all kinds, good and bad.

"Do It With Thy Might"

We read in Ecclesiastes 9:10 "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." When it is necessary to make a second choice, make the best of it; work at it with all your might. Often second choices are best for the individual anyway. Happiness and success can come by doing in the very finest way, as unto God, that which may be secondary.

Ruth, the lovely Bible character, made a choice. The story of it is found in the Book of Ruth, which is only four chapters long. Ruth and Orpha married brothers, sons of Naomi. When both sons died, Orpha chose to go back with her own people, but Ruth chose to stay with her mother-in-law. Read Ruth 1:16, 17. She worked hard and gleaned in the field. Later she was rewarded by becoming the wife of Boaz, a mighty man of wealth, and a kinsman of her husband. She also gave birth to a son, Obed, who brought great happiness to Naomi.

The story of Abram and Lot (Genesis 13) is a familiar one. These two could not dwell together because of the size of their possessions and for other reasons, so Abram told Lot to choose the right or left, and they would part. When Lot saw the fruitful plain of Jordan, he chose that. Abram could have, but preferred to give Lot first choice. The people living there were wicked and sinners before God. The Lord blessed Abram by giving him all the land on all sides of

Daily Readings

M., Sept. 22. David's Resignation to God's Will. II Sam. 12:15-22.
T., Sept. 23. Paul's Plans Changed. Acts 16:6-10.
W., Sept. 24. Gain Becomes Loss. Phil. 3:7-11.
T., Sept. 25. Contentment in Every State. Phil. 4:10-12.
F., Sept. 26. Satisfied with What We Have. Heb. 13:5-8.
S., Sept. 27. Jesus Yields to Father's Will. Mark 14:32-36.
Sun., Sept. 28. Topic—Making the Best of Second Choices. Col. 3:17; Eccl. 9:10a.

him, and it was then that He promised to bless all Abram's seed. By giving up the first choice, he was rewarded.

Edison was a great scientist, but deaf. His deafness could have easily been a handicap, and his aims defeated because of it. As he chose to concentrate on producing a more lasting and brighter source of light, his deafness helped him by shutting out disturbing sounds. He did with all his might that which he was capable of doing and was rewarded by being able to discover and develop the electric light, and many other benefits to mankind.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell was a great doctor and scientist, but because of the tragic need in the North, he did not selfishly develop his own career. He took the lesser choice but became great in his field as he established his medical and spiritual work in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland. It has been a great blessing as there are now operating four hospitals, five nursing stations, one children's home, hospital ships, supply schooner, also clothing distribution, industrial and agricultural efforts at all stations. What he was able to do, he did with all his might.

"Give Thanks"

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and Father by him." (Colossians 3:17).

Whether one is physically or financially handicapped, whether there are problems of transportation, scholastic qualities, age limits, availability of material, Christian standards, differences in faith, or whatever hindrance there is, there is victory possible. If faith is placed in God and the best effort put forth, a second choice can be more promising and fruitful than a first. Let us put our trust in Him, then give thanks for the alternative opportunity and for His blessing of it.

A SEED THOUGHT

"I will do the best I can, with what I have, wherever I am, for Jesus Christ today." Discuss.

Jesus Gives a Model Prayer

Second Topic in a Series on "When We Pray"
Matthew 6:5-15

Our Aim

1. To appreciate the meaning of the Lord's Prayer.
2. To learn how to better pray to God.
3. To mold our lives by Christ's concepts.

To the Leader

We live in a prayerless age. Many speak approvingly of prayer as a worthwhile asset to life, or as a means of grace—but very few pray. No better request could be ours than that of the disciples, who asked, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1).

Have you ever thought that it was when the disciples listened to our blessed Lord praying that they said, "Lord, teach us to pray"? In His answer to this request, the Lord Jesus teaches some important things concerning prayer.

What Prayer Is

In an old tract, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," we find this interesting list of "D's":

1. Prayer is a *Duty*. "When ye pray," Prayer is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Notice our Lord did not say, "If you pray." Not to pray is as wrong in the sight of God as not to be truthful, honest, chaste. (Luke 8:1).
2. Prayer is a *Delight*. "Our Father." Prayer is the loftiest experience of the Christian with God. "Oh, the pure delight of a single hour!" The secret of prayer is secret prayer. (Matthew 6:6).
3. Prayer is a *Devotion*. "Hallowed be Thy Name." Prayer is a work, not merely a word. To hallow the name of the Lord is to pray in the life and light of God and to pray out the forces of deception and destruction.
4. Prayer is a *Dynamic*. "Thy kingdom come." Prayer helps to establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. It liberates forces which can bless a whole nation. I pray and a new door is opened in Japan, Korea, China. (Luke 11:9).
5. Prayer is a *Dedication*. "Thy will be done." Prayer does not change the will of God, it facilitates it. But the measure of our power in prayer with God is the measure of our surrender to Him.
6. Prayer is a *Dependence*. "Give us day by day our daily bread." Prayer is the request of the little, finite, mortal, dependent human to the all-wise and all-powerful Deity. In the heart of man a cry, in the heart of God supply. (Luke 11:13).
7. Prayer is a *Discipline*. "For we also forgive." Prayer creates within us a spirit of yieldingness, the readiness to forgive. (I John 4:20).
8. Prayer is a *Deliverance*. "Deliver us from evil." Prayer is the spring of power

Daily Readings

- M., Sept. 22. "Our Father Which Art in Heaven." Matt. 11:25-27.
T., Sept. 23. "Thy Will Be Done." Mark 14:32-36.
W., Sept. 24. "Our Daily Bread." Matt. 15:32-34.
T., Sept. 25. "Forgive . . . As We Forgive." Luke 23:32-34.
F., Sept. 26. "Lead Us Not into Temptation." Luke 22:29, 40.
S., Sept. 27. "Deliver Us from Evil." John 17:14-17.
Sun., Sept. 28. Topic — Jesus Gives a Model Prayer. Matt. 6:5-15.

in conflict. (Ephesians 6:18). Three powers are ours to use in prayer against the hosts of evil—the Name of Jesus, the Word of God, the Blood of Christ.

Let us look at the main petitions:

Our Father

In the teachings of Jesus as they are revealed in the Gospels we discover that one of His most basic conceptions is the idea that God is our Heavenly Father. Over 150 times in the four gospels Jesus makes use of that idea. The first word which we hear from His lips is the reply to His mother when she find Him as a boy of twelve in the temple. "How is it that ye sought me? *Knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house?*" The last words that He utters on the cross are: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Hallowed Be Thy Name

This petition comes first in this model prayer for very good reasons. A fundamental condition in all prayer is that one should be in the right attitude toward God. Jesus emphasizes this point in all His teachings. Before our prayers for any one of the needs we have can be answered we should pray that the Name of God be hallowed. A reverential attitude is the gateway to the presence of our God.

Thy Kingdom Come

"Kingdom" suggests an earthly rulership which was very familiar to the people of the time of Christ. A king ruled over a portion of territory. The king's decrees, his laws, his will prevailed in the lives of the people of that territory. It was his kingdom.

CONCERNING PRAYER

1. Why is the Lord's prayer a model?
2. Why do some churches say, "Forgive us our debts," while others say, "Forgive us our trespasses"?
3. Why do you pray?
4. What good is praying?
5. Can you give evidence of prayers answered?
6. Is it more important that we get the mind of God through prayer than that we get gifts we may pray for? Why?
7. How does prayer help us to cooperate with God?

Thy Will Be Done

We have prayed with millions of others, "Thy will be done." Who is to do God's will? We are. The man who prays this petition is asking help to be a participator in the purpose of God, a discernor and then a doer of His will. He says, "Father, help me to accomplish thy will not over me, or in spite of me, but through me—Thou the power and I the instrument—Thine to will and mine to do."

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Daily bread is one of the important needs of human beings. It is necessary for man's earthly existence. Neither body nor spirit can perform their work unless the person is in good physical health. Hungry and starving people are never at their best. Like all living creatures our existence depends upon the nourishment we receive. Recently I noticed a house plant which looked sick and dying. I took it at once and reported it, mixing the necessary plant food with the soil. The very next day it already showed improvement and was on the way to develop new growth. True, Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." But he does live by bread. Jesus in this statement did not mean to make light of the need for daily bread; He simply wished to show that man needs other things also.

Forgive Us Our Debts

If we can't forgive, if selfish concerns do really dominate our thoughts and action, and love is exercised only where these are not concerned, what a farce it is to pretend to the righteousness which Jesus commanded! The readiness to forgive is essential to the Christian spirit because that is characteristic of God's nature. Can you freely pray this passage?

Lead Us Not Into Temptation

When we pray "Lead us not into temptation," this petition serves to make us more keenly sensitive to sin. It ought not to be difficult for us of this scientific, technological and highly-trained generation to understand the meaning of this petition. Neither should it be difficult for us to recognize the need of earnestly praying this prayer and petition. In the midst of sin of every description all of us need to be keenly sensitive.

Thine Is the Power and the Glory Forever

The Lord's Prayer concludes with a bold triumphant affirmation of faith. There is no tapering off at the close. It ends with double exclamation marks!! This conclusion is like a great "Amen" to a mighty anthem; a benediction that seals all that has gone before.

What Is The Church?

First Topic in a Series on "The Church"
Matthew 16:13-19; Acts 2:41-47

Pattern For the Meeting

Here is an opportunity for a good discussion on the Christian Church. Too little is understood of this agency of God, by all young people, and adults, too. This month the topics are presented in a series of four, on the general subject "The Church." Each week will bring out some important phase of its life and work. Meet the magnificent challenge of these meetings by a careful and thoughtful study of the Church and its mission. The topic today brings us face to face with the question, "What Is The Church?" What do we know about the Church? What does it mean to Youth today? What is Youth's part in it? These are some of the questions to keep in mind. The leader should strive for an understanding of these things himself, then to share it with his members. The Church is God's agency though it is left in human hands and leadership. The various phases of its life and work should be explored together this month. The way this meeting goes may determine how much further the matter will be carried, so make it as interesting as possible. Some help from the pastor or one of the officers of the church would be in order. Begin this series well, and try to make it helpful.

Aim of the Topic

To give a better understanding of the Church today, and our part in it.

What Is the Church?

The Church is the Body of Christ, the living evidence of His life and ministry. His Word describes it as the Bride of Christ. It is the fellowship of the redeemed, the gathering-together of the sons of God. It is not primarily a place or a building or an organization. It is the agency of God for extending His salvation to all men, near and far. The chief function must be to acquaint men with their Creator and Lord. In a larger sense, the Church is a fellowship and a program; a fellowship of Christian believers, and a program of extending the influence of Christ upon earth.

Unity in Christ

In the Christian Church there are many divisions. There are more than three hundred separate denominations, but about ninety percent of the total membership is located in a few of these groups. Our divisions in Protestantism are not as serious as may appear on

the surface. In fact, our divisions are our strength as well as our weakness. The democratic principle and the sanctity of individual opinion makes such division possible. These same principles and ideals, under God, give us immeasurable strength.

Within these many divisions, there are of course countless doctrines, creeds, and opinions. Through them all, we have a unity. We differ in our understanding of the sacraments, in the details of Holy Communion and Baptism. We have widely varying creeds and policies. Our church polity and government is not uniform, and our forms of worship differ greatly, even within denominations themselves. Where then is our unity? It is in Jesus Christ Himself! In Him all find common ground for agreement. Can you name some of the ways in which we find such agreement in Him?

The Contribution of the Church

There are so many contributions of the Christian Church to society that it would be difficult to name them all. Point out together all you can think of. One of the greatest is the message of salvation through Christ. Only the sincere Christian agencies are concerned with the soul of man, and with his redemption. The first contribution of Christ's body must ever be the "Good News" of the Gospel.

Then, too, the Church has always stood as a great bulwark for Truth. Down through the years, the flaming message of the press, the inspiring voice of the great universities, the rational proclamations of science have all at times been silenced, sometimes by the pressure of tyranny or persecution. But the Church has stood forth in dauntless courage to proclaim the Truth, whatever the cost. Her servants have suffered the arena, the whipping post, the burning-stake, the concentration camp, the torture chamber, but they have shouted triumphantly the message of God as they understood it. And the world has heard!

Democracy itself is one of the contributions of Christianity, nurtured at the breast of the Church. The principles of equality and opportunity, of freedom and representation are derivatives of the Gospel and its Teacher. Not only is the Church preserved by democracy; even more, democracy is sustained and given continued life by the Church.

Training for a place in the larger Kingdom enterprises is the gift of the Church also. In its heart and life, the Church conceives new tasks and responsibilities, then it sends out men and women equipped to fulfill them. A sense of urgency in the fields of Evangelism,

KNOW THE ANSWERS?

1. What is "The Church?"
2. What does the Church stand for in the world today?
3. Discuss what the program of the Christian Church should include. How can your congregation help in this program?
4. Name the outstanding contribution of the modern Church.
5. How can the individual Christian help make the Church more powerful today?
6. Are there as many heroes and martyrs in the Church today as in days past? Give illustrations. (Think in world terms).
7. What is the place of Youth in the Christian Church today?

Citizenship, Missions, Education, and Social Welfare is generated. It is accompanied by the know-how and the material means to make the aims a living reality. The world would be vastly poorer without the influence and talents of God-directed sons of the Church.

The Church in the World Today

In view of the very nature of Christ's Church, and its contributions to the world in every age, it is obvious it has a vital mission today. In a world that is fast losing itself in its own sin and selfishness, the redemptive process is its basic need. An age that is divided upon great and permanent lines sadly needs a uniting force, one that is able to weld whole segments of mankind into a brotherhood in Christ. Truth needs only sincere exponents to help it change the world. Christianity does not need defense as much as it needs practicing. The Church in the world today can make these things possible. It is the only agency that can transform the world, and only its members can release the power to do so.

Bible Readings

- M., Sept. 29. A Fellowship of Love. Col. 2:1-7
T., Sept. 30. A Spiritual Temple. Eph. 2:18-22
W., Oct. 1. A Separated People. 1 Peter 2:5-10
T., Oct. 2. The Flock of God. Acts 20:28-32
F., Oct. 3. One Body. Rom. 12:4, 5
S., Oct. 4. Christ, the Head. Col. 1:18-20
Sun., Oct. 5. Topic—What Is the Church? Matt. 16:13-19; Acts 2:41-47.

A SEED THOUGHT

"The church spire is the silent finger of God, pointing man's way to heaven."

What Christianity Has Given the World

Luke 7:11-23; John 10:10b

Our Aim

1. To note the realms in which Christianity has made outstanding contributions.
2. To see how the redeeming love of Christ can change men and the world.
3. To consider how we carry on the heritage of Christianity.

What We Share

1. *Jesus Christ.* You have been thrilled with the story of the growth of the church in the United States and Canada, and perhaps with the history of the local church of which you are or will be a member. Even more thrilling is the story of the ways in which your church has shared with the world her most precious gift, Jesus Christ.

In that first century the good news of the empty tomb and the risen Christ won people's hearts everywhere. When sorrow came and people had to lay away loved ones, they dried their tears as they thought of the words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die."

They knew that He was the very Son of God because He had risen from the dead. When they wanted to know what God was like, they looked to Jesus, who said: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . . and the Father are one." They knew it was true, for He had risen from the dead. When people were crushed by their sins and troubles, they heard Jesus saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." They knew that it was true. He could help them, for He had conquered sin and death by His cross and resurrection. He who could conquer death and sin for Himself could help all mankind to the same victory.

It is no wonder that people everywhere began to believe on Jesus and accept Him as their Saviour. Little churches began to spring up, and many people joined them. Christianity, born at the empty tomb of Jesus, was launched in the world.

2. *The Bible.* The Word of God came through the centuries and today is our great heritage. God-inspired men conveyed it to new generations. Today some portion of the Word has been translated into 1108 languages.

Christ has gone on to be with the Father, but He left His teaching, His example, and His atoning death to guide the Church and to become the Gospel we should preach. His Word is His great gift to every generation.

3. *The Church.* Read aloud Ephesians 1:22-3; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23; and I Corinthians 12:27. In these verses you find

the idea that the Church is the body of Christ. This is an excellent illustration. Our body does the work but our head does the thinking and planning. So Christ is the Head of the Church and the body should do the things Christ wants done.

When the Church first started, there was no election of a president, moderator, or bishop to be the head of the organization, for Christ was the Head. The churches, however, appointed leaders for the local churches and some men became preachers, teachers, or evangelists but these did not take the place of Christ as Head.

The Christian churches in the New Testament said Christ was the Head of the Church. Now just how can we know what Christ wants the Church to do on earth today?

4. *Missions.* You all know something of Paul and his missionary journeys. That part of the Mediterranean seacoast to which he and his co-workers carried the "good news" seems small when we compare it with the wide extent of the countries in which Christians live today; yet the wide spread of the gospel today is the result of Paul's faith and burning desire to share with the world the Christ whom he met on the Damascus road.

Once Paul knew Christ, he had to live the principles that Christ taught and for which He died and share His way of life with the world. Paul was the first world missionary. See *Acts* 13:1-4.

Centuries passed. Christianity spread into what had been the heathen world, among the Celts, the Teutons, and the Slavs, but the real missionary spirit of the church was gradually being lost. Little attempt was made to share the gospel with the great numbers of the unreached people of the world.

It took William Carey, who went as the first missionary to India in 1793, to turn again the thought of Christians to those who still lived without a knowledge of Christ. Thus modern missions were launched.

Do you know what part you can have today in pushing out the borders of Christianity? Intermediates can help in a very definite way, for every church has set aside certain missions throughout the world whose partial support is your responsibility.

Daily Readings

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| M., | Sept. 29. | Christ's Purpose Proclaimed. | Luke 4:16-21. |
| T., | Sept. 30. | The Gospel Is Preached. | Acts 4:23-33. |
| W., | Oct. 1. | The Brokenhearted Healed. | Rev. 22:1-5. |
| T., | Oct. 2. | The Blind See. | II Cor. 4:1-6. |
| F., | Oct. 3. | Liberty Is Established. | Rom. 8:1-6, 20, 21. |
| S., | Oct. 4. | The Accepted Time. | II Cor. 6:1, 2. |
| Sun., | Oct. 5. | Topic—What Christianity Has Given the World. | Luke 7:11-23; John 10:10b. |

A Sense of Neighborliness

A church worker asked a farmer for a contribution for missions. He received this answer:

"I believe in doing things for my neighbors."

"Who are your neighbors? What do you mean by 'neighbors'?"

"Why, those whose farms join mine."

"Then this is just the cause for you. We are collecting money to be used in South America, where the land joins yours at the bottom."

With the advance of transportation, fast ships, and airplanes, and the international communication by means of cable and radio, the world is becoming more than ever a neighbor. Jesus said the Good Samaritan was a neighbor to the Jew whom he helped. Who are our neighbors today? How many foreigners have you ever met? How can your class best express the spirit of friendship toward people of other countries?

Underlying all life's relationships is universal need. A much-needed capacity today is that for visioning the great world needs. If we could have the continents of the earth pass in review before us, we should be impressed not so much by the oceans and continents, rivers and valleys, as by the people, with their joys and sorrows, their aspirations and defeats, their racial attainments and deficiencies, their intergroup loyalties and implacable enmities. To these world conditions the world Christian addresses himself with a Christian social order as the goal. What would you name as some of the main features of the ideal social order? What is the normal Christian reaction to known need? More knowledge? More love? Greater conviction that we have something to give? What?

Christianity has given heroism, purity, beauty, causes to missions. Can you fathom a world without the gifts of Christianity?

Ours to Share

Robert A. Millikan, one of the foremost physicists in the world, has said that "any man who wants to serve the cause of real progress today must do one of two things: either get into some existing church or start a new one." "The better and more practical course," he continues, "is to get into the Church as it exists today."

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of church membership. How does making a declaration of faith help the cause of Christ? Do you agree that a person should take time to worship only when he feels like it?

What Happens When We Worship?

Second Topic in a Series on "The Church"
Matthew 18:19-22; Psalm 100

Pattern for the Meeting

This is the second in a series of four topics on the Church. The emphasis today is on worship. In preparing the meeting the leader may well consider carefully the exact words in the title. What *does* happen when we worship? He should try to discover at least a part of the answer himself and then plan the topic and discussion so that the society members can work out a satisfactory answer to that question. Analyze the service of worship in your own church and become familiar with its details. It is interesting to know why the various parts are included, as well as their particular order. Talk with the pastor about this. Ask him to explain the order of service and the meaning of the various items. Consider the different values in a formal indoor service of worship, as compared with an informal outdoor service, such as at a campfire or lakeside. Look up definitions of worship, and interpret them in your own words. Display posters or pictures illustrating different forms of worship. These can be used for advance publicity and also for meeting "atmosphere."

Aim of the Topic

To better understand the experience of worship and to be able to interpret it personally.

Public Vs. Private

There is a difference between public and private worship, but the results are much the same. Private worship centers largely around an individual's prayer life, his reading of God's Word, and his personal meditation upon things divine. It will include his contemplation of great beauty and the sheer grandeur of nature. It will encompass his marveling at the magnitude of the heavens, or the regularity of all things of nature, if he relates all these things to God as Creator and Lord. One's public worship centers largely around his attendance with others at religious services and observances. This is related to music, to the preaching of God's Word by another person, to shared prayers, and to Christian fellowship with other people of like mind. Both are necessary and are extremely helpful in the Christian life. Indeed without generous measures of both, a person

is one-sided, ignorant of the truly worthwhile things in life. He is starved and pauperized spiritually.

There Is No Substitute

There is no substitute for Church and the public worship experience it provides. It is a tragic mistake to say, "O, I can be just as good a Christian if I don't go to church." Probably one *can*, but usually one *isn't*. There are deep and lasting values that come from this assembling of ourselves together in the name of God. Mutual aims are expressed, there is a meeting of the minds, and there is a going-forth to do common tasks together. This "togetherness" is both one of the means and one of the blessings. The hour of worship on Sunday morning is distinctively God's time—and every Christian should be in God's house.

What Is Worship?

Worship is the act of paying homage and expressing adoration to a Divine Being. It is, in a larger sense, a projecting of ourselves into the very presence of God. Some one has defined it as "practising the presence of God." When we worship we sense God's presence, we express our love and gratitude, we become more aware of our dependence upon Him. In realization of His in-dwelling presence, we are made aware of the great potential of our own lives, we are inspired and empowered to go forth "conquering and to conquer" in His Name. Worship is something that we do and feel; it is also something that happens to us. "We kneel so weak, we rise so full of power."

With this privilege so readily available, is it not unreasonable to miss the opportunity of worship? Corporate worship, the act of sharing these things together, is one of our richest experiences. There are countless by-products of it. Have the society name some of the many fruits, or results of sharing the Presence of God and His Word through regular church attendance.

Building For Worship

The regular church service is doubtless the best example of corporate worship. It is adapted, by its time of meeting, its pattern, and its numbers, to inducing the satisfying inner experience desired by all believers. Such services are designed to best bring about this result, to assure the greatest blessing for the individual worshipper.

Study the order of service of your own church. Become familiar with it, and learn why it is arranged as it is. For example,

Daily Readings

M., Oct.	6. Invitation to Worship.	Psalm 95
T., Oct.	7. Right Motive in Worship.	John 4:20
W., Oct.	8. Isaiah's Experience in Worship.	Isa. 6
T., Oct.	9. Praise in Worship	Psalm 1
F., Oct.	10. Music in Worship. I Chron. 25:	
S., Oct.	11. Drawing Near to God.	Heb. 10:18
Sun. Oct.	12. Topic—What Happens When Worship?	Matt. 18:19-22; Ps. 100.

there is usually a call to worship, which is a statement or verse intended to turn the thoughts of the worshippers toward God. The invocation, or opening prayer, is "calling" the blessing of God upon the service and people. There is a responsive reading from the Psalter, which provides the opportunity for group participation, as do the hymns, and the Gloria Patri often follows this, in which all the congregation sing their praise and glory to God. The hymns are selected with care, to help prepare the mind, to help prepare and crystallize the thoughts. In the offering, we find a distinct act of worship, for it represents a giving of a part of ourselves to God's work. By the Doxology and other hymns, praise and gratitude are again expressed. Special musical numbers build further upon the theme, and are especially inspiring when well done by consecrated singers. The sermon is usually the climax in our Protestant worship. It is toward this that the preliminary portions move. It is from this that Christ's response and action should proceed. The closing hymn is usually an invitation to come to Christ or a commitment to doing His will. The benediction is the pronouncement of God's blessing and the assurance of His peace and presence with His followers. There may be other elements in your own service. Study the total picture, and ascertain how it helps each one worship.

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A SEED THOUGHT

"Lord, what a change within us
one short hour
Spent in Thy Presense will pre-
vail to make—."

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I Corinthians 3:9-15

Our Aim

1. To permit the society to check on itself and get under way in its fall program.
2. To give opportunity to discuss local responsibilities and local tasks.
3. To explore what Christian Endeavor's "Build With Christ" program means to us.

To the Leader

This is the first two Sundays to be devoted to program planning. While "program" really applies to all the activities of the Christian Endeavor, these Sundays when possible suggestions are to be considered for coming meetings give an excellent chance for the members to take a large share of responsibility. It would be well, therefore, for officers to get together with the counselor, for an extra session during the week before this meeting, and plan for the evening's program, delegating responsibilities for talks to chosen persons. One member should be responsible for having pencils and paper ready for each member of the group.

Have the group sit informally, about a circle, if possible.

The President Speaks

Life is rather like a journey, isn't it? Perhaps you'll say that it's more like a curved mountain road, for you never know just what's around the next bend. Some people wander through life like tramps upon the open road, without considering where they hope to arrive or what they must take to get there. And if you've ever been lost from camp on a dark night, you've probably found out that lost people wander around in circles—which means that they get exactly nowhere. The two qualifications for the traveler, then, are purpose and plans.

We Christian young people are not going to let our lives be lost in aimless wandering. But, lest we become mere wanderers, it always pays us to stop short, right about face, and check up on the roads we're on, how far away our goal is, and whether or not we're headed in the right direction. John Oxenham has a poem in which he pictures youth coming to such a crossroads in life, a place at which he himself must make decisions. And his help there is, at the parting of the ways, "God's signpost."

The church, with its Christian Endeavor, stands ready to help youth see "God's signpost," to formulate high purposes and Christian goals, and to find the right paths toward their achievement. Therefore, we are going to take time to consider what our needs and interests are, and to find whether or not our Christian Endeavor meetings are helping us in all the ways in which they might, see how we may build better, more vital programs,

Daily Readings

- M., Oct. 6. Confession of Christ, the Beginning. Rom. 10:9, 10.
T., Oct. 7. Wise Builders Are Doers of the Word. Matt. 7:24-29.
W., Oct. 8. The Foundation. Matt. 16:13-18.
T., Oct. 9. Preparing to Build. Luke 6:39-46.
F., Oct. 10. Building by Faith. Heb. 11:7.
S., Oct. 11. The Foolishness of Selfish Building. Luke 12:15-21.
Sun., Oct. 12. Topic—Youth "Build With Christ" at Home. I Cor. 3:9-15.

and through them better Christian personalities.

Leader

Ask all the members of the group to write on their paper, "*What is One Thing I Would Like to See Our Society Accomplish This Year?*" After sufficient time has been given call for the ideas, one person after the other. List these on a blackboard or large sheet of paper with crayon at front of room.

Now ask the group to write on their paper, "*What One Problem Is Most Immediate for Our Group To Discuss for Practical Help?*"

As the members again report, the leader of the discussion should be alert (1) to suggest areas that have not been touched, such as race relations, Bible study, war, movies, vocations, alcohol; (2) to phrase the topics in such a way as to challenge young people to discuss.

A third time ask the members to write on "*Some ways We Can Enlarge Our Spiritual Horizons Through Christian Endeavor.*"

There are deep experiences which can be shared in a Christian Endeavor as nowhere else — experiences of wonder at the secrets of nature unfolding on an out-of-doors trail, the thrill of doing some needed service together, the joyful hard work of producing plays, the quiet lift which a twilight poetry or music hour gives, discovering gifts of rare beauty in peoples and customs of other lands in missionary programs, the touch of God upon one's soul in a worship meditation. A year's program should include not only discussion, but appreciation, activity, and worship.

Fourth, acquaint your group with the resources available.

Have on hand booklets from the International Christian Endeavor and your state union on the "Build With Christ" program. Review the four sub-themes: (1) Through Personal Dedication; (2) Through Church Loyalty; (3) Through Christian Citizenship, and (4) Through world friendship. Ask what is being done by individuals and by the society to "Build With Christ" in these ways.

What can our program include to fulfill our loyalties to Christian Endeavor's objectives?

Goal Kicks

So much for signals. Every good football player not only "thinks ball" but he "thinks goal." Influencing every play he makes is the mental image of "that goal." This program is for the purpose of helping us to see "that goal out yonder." What is it? I think it might be phrased in such words as "Young Christian Endeavorers ever growing and building."

Therefore, consider in program building for the year, not only present interests, but possibilities for future growth! Creative Christian living doesn't stop with programs; it dares take the implications and principles of those programs and make a difference there! That's why courage is needed and a sincere purpose to practice, if we are to launch programs on "Winning Others to Christ," "Getting Along With People," "Being Christian Toward Individuals of Another Race," etc. Let us chart the year with a prayer that our programs may *come to life*—and through our own living make the life around us richer and more Christian.

Everybody Shares

How can participation in Christian Endeavor meetings strengthen our own devotional lives?

Have we courage to face ourselves in frank, searching programs on prayer, on Jesus' teaching on the use of money, on attitudes of love to other races and classes, and such questions, and to put our findings into practice?

Time should be taken now to put on the board what the group has been thinking about as possible projects. This is a splendid time to have some earnest discussion on how the Christian Endeavor meetings themselves could be made more effective. Be sure important points are brought out, such as: co-operation—everybody taking part, and doing what he is asked to do; planning in advance, so that those who participate in program or party can prepare well; regular attendance; everyone coming on time, etc.

Closing Meditation

Leader: As we think of the parts that we may play in making our Christian Endeavor more effective in "Building With Christ," in making Christianity more attractive to those around us and helping other young people be Christian, in striving to do all we can to make our community a better, happier place in which to live—what a joy it is to know that we are not alone, but that we

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How Can The Church Affect World Order?

Third Topic in a Series on "The Church"
(World Order Sunday)
Acts 17:24-28; Isaiah 2:2-4

Pattern For the Meeting

Today's topic is the third in a series of four on the general subject "The Church." It has a particular purpose for it is designed to point up the means by which the Christian Church can affect the world situation. Certainly the threatening world in which we live needs to be re-organized and re-directed. Christ's Body on earth, the Church, is the best qualified to give such direction. It remains to be seen if it can and will grasp this unique opportunity while there is yet time. This topic can delve deeply into the possibilities of such action. It can bring to the society members the realization that the Church is a mighty power in the world but that it has only scratched the surface of its possibilities. Today is designated as "World Order Sunday." Its purposes will be well served if youth will think of, and devise, means to make more orderly the life of the world. It will be necessary to do some extra work, however. Get some literature on World Order Sunday from your denominational headquarters, or from the National Council of Churches, New York City. Read all possible on this subject, and endeavor to develop a "plan of action" that the Church might follow in making the world more Christian. Introduce this plan to the Society, and let them evaluate it and supplement it. If it is good enough, the plan might be presented to your Church, or to some other group, as a suggested program. Be realistic, yet set high ideals. This may be a stimulating experience for your members.

Aim of the Topic

To determine what influence the Christian Church can exert upon the world today.

A World Mission

The Church of Jesus Christ has a world-wide mission. It is not merely a club, or a social group, or a fraternity. It has within itself the germ of world redemption. By the teachings and ideals of the Church, combined with the power of the Church's Christ, the world can be saved. It can be won for the King of kings; it can be made orderly according to Christian usage. Let no one think of our task either as a small one, or as impossible.

A SEED THOUGHT

"The world at its worst demands the Church at its best."
Discuss the implications.

possible. It is one of world scope, but the Church is equal to it. The need is for vision and courage on the part of those of us who comprise the Church.

What We Were

The Church of Jesus Christ has known great days, days of daring and achievement. Its truly great days were those when it cost something to be a Christian, especially in the first two or three centuries. The Church was then a glorious, flaming channel of power for God, and it moved Earth, pleased Heaven, and frightened Hell. Those who were chosen for leadership were "men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 15:26). Great things were expected from God and great things were accomplished for Him. It will be unfortunate if it takes persecution and death to make the Church come alive again.

What We Are

Contemporary life finds us failing in our highest possibility. Even worse, it too often appears that the Church is not realizing the critical need for spiritual power to be exercised. The man in the pew has not found his potentiality for changing the world and its way. We are too indefinite and divided in opinion. Yet there is nothing indefinite about our foes. Obviously there is nothing of uncertainty about Communism. Ask any member of that party and he will tell you emphatically about his beliefs. Or in materialism, or hedonism. The latter is the philosophy that the chief end, the sole aim of life is pleasure. Those who are out to live life as a continual round of pleasure do it in a positive fashion. Christians must know what they believe, know their world responsibilities, know their power, or the next period of human history will be taken over by people who do. Christianity is a movement to save and to change the world, and the organization of this movement is the Church. We are immediate heirs of one of the supreme epochs in the history of mankind. We, as the Church, can mold that epoch. If the world without Christianity and the Church is inconceivable, then what happens to the Church and what it does today, is your business today.

What We Can Become

The Church can save the world. It is, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the agency of salvation for "whosoever will." It can bring light and reason and the true peace

Daily Readings

- M., Oct. 13. "No Respector of Persons," Acts 10:34
T., Oct. 14. The Gospel for All Nations, Rev. 14
W., Oct. 15. Set a Good Example, Peter 2:11
T., Oct. 16. Justice in God, Psalm 89:1
F., Oct. 17. Glory of Christ's Kingdom, Isa. 11:1
S., Oct. 18. The Church's Ideal, Micah 4:1
Sun. Oct. 19. Topic—How Can The Church Affect World Order? (World Order Sunday) 17:24-28; Isa. 2:2-4.

to confused, struggling mankind. It never be remembered, however, the Church is not in the world to serve as the world will be served. It is divinely commissioned to do things that are not everywhere recognized as "good" things. Indeed, its most distinctive function may be somewhat offensive to many "right thinking," "respectable," men and women. It is offensive to self-sufficient, self-righteous people to humble themselves and confess they are in dire need of forgiveness, and of the mercy of God. Yet this is what the Church true to its high calling must ever proclaim. It has ever been through evangelism, through establishing the gospel in the hearts and lives of men, that the Church has wrought most effectively for the transformation of human society. The world must be ordered, and changed, through the transforming power of the living Christ and the Gospel. Today we must bring to the "unchurched" the saving knowledge of Christ; we must bring to the "comfortably church-going" the supreme joy of spiritual victory and fulfillment. This and this alone, through missionary endeavor, through Evangelism, through the building of a more Christian social order, will be sufficient to make kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

More Topic Material

You can secure discussion helps in addition to that in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD from ENDEAVOR. This annual publication is now available for the period September, 1952—August, 1953. There is comment on the Senior-Young People's topic written by Dr. William W. McKinney, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pa. Two pages are given to each topic. The 11-page booklet is handy pocket size. Price, \$.50 per copy.

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Youth "Build With Christ" through World Friendship

(World Order Sunday)

Second Topic in a Series on "Youth 'Build With Christ'"

1 John 4:7-21

Our Aim

1. To fittingly observe World Order Sunday.
2. To see how world friendship is possible only on a Christian basis.
3. To consider definite friendship projects.

The Background

The one and only power that is able to realize a world-brotherhood from among the races and nations of the earth, consolidating them in the presence of a common Father, the influence of Jesus Christ. This unique bond on people by Jesus has been a challenge to the Christian Church through the centuries. Jesus is the one and only Person that civilizations have looked upon who has achieved His grip. He was the one man in the world without a country. Born a Jew, yet we do not think of Him as a Jew with Jewish characteristics, Jewish pride, Jewish prejudices, Jewish hate for other people, for He did not share the Jews' exclusiveness. The Orient was His home, but He was not an Oriental, for He rose above all the limitations of race and clime and customs, and looms large on the horizon of the centuries as the all-prevailing spirit of all history — the Universal. He is the world's Man, the world's Saviour, the world's Mediator. His part beat for the world, and, on Calvary, He broke for the world.

The Christian brotherhood among races and nations is conditioned on the appreciation of the universal element of Christianity. In the universal spirit of Christ is to be found the fundamental appeal for world brotherhood. United Nations without Christ is a hopeless organization and cannot survive the generation which gave it birth. But a United Nations built upon the principles of the universal religion of Jesus Christ, sheds a bright ray of hope into the dark, tragic, stern times through which humanity is passing. God's love and Christ's redemptive work are for all. God proposes that all men should come into the knowledge of Himself and His saving truth. He wills that none should perish. His plan of brotherhood through redemption contemplates the whole world. This truth must reach the Church, for an increasing realization and appreciation of this truth will produce a greatly enlarged circle of sympathy and service, and will hasten the practical application of Christian principles of brotherhood among all races and nations.

The Meeting

(Place a map of the world at the front of the room).

THINKING IN WORLD TERMS

1. What are some causes of inter-racial hatred?
2. How can we be big brothers and sisters to others?
3. How can we realize our brotherhood toward foreigners?
4. What prejudices hinder the Christian principle of brotherhood?
5. How can America cultivate international good will?

Leader: Tonight we have before us a map of the world. In our imagination we can see roads running throughout all the lands and many strange people traveling on them. Some are on camels, horses, elephants, some are drawn in rickshaws by coolies and some are walking. We see homes of boys and girls, some in jungles and deep forests; others in towns and little villages. We see schools, often just a tree with a group of children and a teacher sitting around a picture—others fine college buildings. Everywhere young people have much in common — love and a desire for friendship.

We are going out into the world tonight to share our friendship with these folk who are our comrades in a Christian way of living.

Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," or "God, Send Us Men Whose Aim 'Twill Be."

Leader or Counselor: Tonight we are going to follow some map trails to meet new people and make new friends. Here is our starting point.

(Mark the home town of your group).

We are going around the world and at each step we shall be introduced to some young people and their leaders.

(The group planning may devise a means of marking the trails. A ribbon could be run from country to country. Put in a thumb tack at each stopping place to hold the marker. The members to present the various countries will take the marker from the last speaker and proceed without introduction).

First Speaker: Chile, South America, is the first stop! As we slip out of the car before Pedro Zotele's home, they tell us to hurry for it is time to start for a Christian Endeavor rally. But it can't be; this is October.

M.,	Oct. 13.	Unity Necessary	Matt. 12:25.
T.,	Oct. 14.	One Fold and One	Shepard.
			John 10:14-16.
W.,	Oct. 15.	Fellowship Though	Absent.
			Col. 2:1-7.
T.,	Oct. 16.	Peter's World Vision.	Acts 10:34, 35.
F.,	Oct. 17.	Paul's World Vision.	Acts 17:24-28.
S.,	Oct. 18.	Christ's Prayer for Oneness.	John 17:20-23.
Sun.,	Oct. 19.	Topic—Youth "Build With Christ" through World Friendship. (World Order Sunday) 1 John 4:7-21.	

No, it is summer for these new friends; and we join the auto procession going to a beautiful spot. The first night we have 150 young people registered for the classes. They are deeply interested in the discussion on the work of the church.

(List several problems of South American youth).

Second Speaker: We have been talking in our committee meeting about having a study of the life of young Moslems in Africa some time in February. In North Africa the programs for boys and girls are separate but the folks are not very much different, for a teacher writes: "Often the members of the group are so bent on mischief we can't teach them."

(Look up items about problems Moslem youth face and tell of their loyalty to their religion).

Third Speaker: India needs young people to train as teachers, better books and more time for the classwork. The schools are held either in a thatched, bamboo-walled building; a hired verandah, cramped in size, open to all passersby; or under a convenient tree. In many cases anyone who is handy acts as teacher — the preacher's wife, or the preacher, or a young high school student.

Here is the roll of one of the schools:

AMAND is needed to herd the goats, on which family living depends.

PREMI must help her mother at home, tending the baby, or lugging little brother to school on her hip, where he is not exactly helpful.

YESHVANT and **SUNDRI** have gone with their parents to a fair—could not be left at home; it's lots of fun anyway and the school, they figure, will be running when they get back.

YUNUS is sick — never has enough to eat, is rundown, catches everything going.

MAHOMED has a terrible cold, **SHANT-VAN** a boil, and **DEVAPRIA** a slow fever, so are not at their best. Yes, **YUSUF** has smallpox, but they don't do much segregating in the village.

Half the school is absent — it's harvest time and they must do their part.

Fourth Speaker: In the Malayan peninsula the people have four different religions: Christianity, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and Heathenism.

Mohammed Monku said, "In our Sunday school and Christian Endeavor we are taught to respect our parents, to love our friends, and to do the will of God. At conventions, we're always happy. The spirit of camaraderie,

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This Is Our Protestant Faith

Fourth Topic in a Series on "The Church" (Reformation Sunday)

Romans 1:16-17; II Timothy 3:15-17

Pattern For the Meeting

The topic today concludes a series of four on "The Church." It concerns the particular part of Christendom that we know as the Protestant Church. Too little is known about our Protestant faith and this will be an ideal time to learn more. Since this is Reformation Day most of the churches will bring special emphasis in their services of worship. Help can be obtained from this source and by discussing it with the pastor. Read and recommend to the Endeavors such books as "Primer For Protestants" by J. H. Nichols; "American Freedom and Catholic Power" by Paul Blanchard; "The Protestant Faith" by George A. Crapullo, etc. Reformation Day is one of our great Protestant holidays, and should be properly emphasized. Be aware of the possible tendency on the part of some individuals to take the attitude that other faiths and religions are just as good as ours. We have our Church because of certain unalterable truths and because of circumstances that we believe to be wrong or insufficient in others. Certainly they have the right to believe as they wish and to be protected in that belief. As Americans we readily acknowledge this. But Protestants are Protestants for good and sufficient reason—and we are proud of it. Strive to influence each one to be active in promoting his faith, in witnessing for it, and in winning others to it.

Aim of the Topic

To help Protestant young people understand their faith better and to be vocal and active in it.

What Is a Protestant?

There is much misunderstanding about the meaning of the word Protestant. It is usually thought of in a negative sense. Some people, of all faiths, believe that a Protestant is one who is *against* something, that he is an "anti-" person. They believe he is one who is "protesting against" another person or cause or church. This is far from the truth. A Protestant is one who stands *for* something. He is a witness to a positive belief. The very word "protest" is a verb that means, by dic-

tionary definition, "to assert, affirm; to call as a witness; to declare solemnly that one is telling the truth." Therefore, a Protestant is one who says "I declare," "I believe," this or that about God and His Kingdom.

Let no young person feel embarrassed or reluctant to state proudly that he is a Protestant. He is not being an agitator *against* someone else; he is rather being a witness for God and His truth.

What Is the Reformation?

On this day it is well to give thought to the Reformation which brought us the Protestant Church. The established Church, which we know now as the Roman Catholic Church, grievously misinterpreted the simplicity and purity of the Gospel for centuries. Becoming increasingly worse, so that it was no longer recognizable as Christ's Church, Martin Luther and others brought about a separation from this Church of abuse early in the 16th Century. He and his followers were called Protestants. This was partly due to their protest against the Diet of 1529, at Speyer, which forbade the spread of Lutherism, and largely due to the positive "protest" or witness of these Christian lives. The Reformation began when the Church took steps toward the restoration of primitive Christianity. This was the time when the Church attained its majority. We today owe an immense debt to the Reformation.

What Are Our Doctrines?

The beliefs, or doctrines, of any movement are of extreme importance. Those of the Protestant Church brought light out of darkness. They saved the religion of the living Christ from being smothered under an avalanche of rites and magical acts.

Our basic principles are simple, but profound:

A. *The priesthood of all believers* — the principle that any man could by faith go straight to God for forgiveness without the mediation of a priest. All believers are to appear before God in prayer and should pray for others. Every man is his own priest, and is also his neighbor's priest through prayer. This reduced the priesthood or ministry from being a select class of special privilege.

B. *Salvation by Faith*—the second basic doctrine is that faith alone is sufficient to claim the eternal salvation of Christ. The redemptive process is the sheer gift of God, and is available to every man through faith, not through any effort or merit of his own.

"The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17), is the great foundation for Luther's preaching and for our belief. Ephesians expresses the matter clearly and positively: "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." It is the grace of God that saves us, and we claim the gift simply by the exercise of our faith. The Roman Church has, an elaborate system of works by which an individual can be saved. Through sacraments, through specified rites and through praying at certain places or going on long pilgrimages, and through purchasing special merits, and by other means, salvation secured. Compliance with these forms alone is not necessary for salvation. Faith, an inner attitude toward God through Christ, is the key.

C. *The Right of Private Judgment*—The Roman Church no Christian had any right to establish any private conclusion on spiritual matters. The Church made all such decisions, and the believers had to accept them without question or comment, for the Church considered infallible and absolute. The other early reformers transferred the authority of the Church back to the authority of the Bible and the voice of God. It is the hold of the Church on the minds of men.

D. *The Supreme Authority of the Bible*—The Word of God is the basis for all Christian teaching, and so for the Reformation movement. The Holy Scriptures represent only infallible rule of faith and practice. They point the way to God through Christ, and they are indeed a light unto the way of every Christian. The Bible continues to be the fundamental basis of Protestant Christian thought. It contains the truth about God and the way of salvation. In every generation it points the way to God, the ultimate authority in all things. Our Protestant faith is a global adventure in godly living, allowing the intelligence and initiative of the individual Christian to be unfailingly led to its best by the indwelling Spirit of the living Christ.

Daily Readings

M.,	Oct. 20.	Justified by Faith.	Rom. 5:1-8
T.,	Oct. 21.	Children of God by Faith.	Gal. 3:26-29
W.,	Oct. 22.	Our Great High Priest.	Heb. 4:14-16
T.,	Oct. 23.	God's Word a Light for All.	Psalm 119:103-105
F.,	Oct. 24.	The Necessity of Faith.	Heb. 11:1-3
S.,	Oct. 25.	One Mediator.	I Tim. 2:5-6
Sun.,	Oct. 26.	Topic—This Is Our Protestant Faith. (Reformation Sunday)	Romans 1:16-17; II Tim. 3:15-17.

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Why Am I A Protestant?

(Reformation Sunday)
Galatians 3:24-26; Romans 5:1-11

Our Aim

1. To appreciate our Protestant heritage.
2. To be able to state reasons why we Protestants.
3. To be ready in days ahead to defend faith.

The Reformation Movement

Like time to plan one or more projects).
On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, many, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church this day. This incident touched off a long series of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among Protestant Churches as a time to testify (which is the literal meaning of "pro-are") our faith in God and His Word. Reformation Sunday is a day which ought to be marked in red letters on the calendar of the whole Church of Christ, and observed with sermons and studies on the nature and features of our great Protestant, evangelical heritage. As young people we must not forget the privileges and heritage which are ours were bought by our forebears open at the cost of their own blood. We cannot, therefore, lightly disregard our responsibilities as Protestants.

What Protestants Believe

1. Our spiritual authority is in the Bible.
2. All Believers have direct access to God.
3. We are justified by Faith.
4. Every Christian should read the Holy Scriptures and live according to them as their own conscience dictates.
5. There are only two sacraments which are vital and necessary, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
6. In America, Church and State are separate but not exclusive of one another. These truths are the common possession of all Christians and no one church has exclusive claim upon them. These fundamental teachings of the Christian faith Protestants believe, and they seek to translate them into practice and conduct.

Why I Am a Protestant

Most of us are Protestants because we were born one. Most of get our faith by the simple route of historical tradition and inheritance. So, in our choice of grandparents seem to have predetermined our inevitable faith to the Protestant faith. It would take a terrific wrench to break with the tradition. What was given to us in our blood we later learned to accept in our reason.

Daily Readings

- M., Oct. 20. A Protesting Prophet. I Kings 18:17-24, 36-39.
T., Oct. 21. A Bold Prophet. Jer. 26:8-15.
W., Oct. 22. Our Great High Priest. Heb. 4:12-16.
T., Oct. 23. God's Word A Light for All. Psalm 119:103-105.
F., Oct. 24. Necessity of Faith. Heb. 11:1-6.
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Sun., Oct. 26. Topic—Why Am I A Protestant? (Reformation Sunday) Gal. 3:24-26; Rom. 5:1-11.

2. I am a Protestant, secondly, because I believe in the priesthood of all believers.

The message of the early Protestants to the people of their day was simply this: "Since there is no divine right of kings, don't grovel in the dust before any man; stand erect on your feet and bow only to God your Father." Out of that has come these priceless possessions of what we call Christian democracy. Freedom of worship, and freedom of speech, freedom of assemblage, and freedom of the press go right back to the Protestant Reformation. Christian democracy is a child of the Protestant Reformation.

3. The third reason is this: I believe that the ultimate source of authority for my conduct in my life is an infallible book, the Bible, rather than a so-called infallible man, even though he be the Pope at Rome. I believe with all my heart, as is stated in this Bible, that godly men in ancient days wrote down as they were moved by the Holy Spirit these great words from God. That's a profound difference in our interpretation from the Roman or Greek Catholic. The Bible reveals to me God's word for my life.

Recall at what a great price this Bible was purchased. Before the Protestant Reformation it was a crime against the laws of the state and Church for the Bible to be in a home. Now it's almost a crime for the Bible not to be in every home.

POINTS ON PROTESTANTISM

1. Tell why you are glad you are a Protestant.
2. Is the Protestant Church appreciated today by the majority of its members? Why?
3. Should the Protestant's attitude toward the State be isolation or participation?
4. Should the Protestant's attitude toward the Roman Church be antagonism, indifference or cooperation?
5. Does the "Open Bible" place any responsibility on the Protestant believer?
6. How did Paul in his second letter to the Corinthian people catch the real idea that should characterize the Protestant movement — "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Cor. 3:17.

4. In the fourth place, I am a Protestant because I believe that salvation comes through faith rather than by good works. The slogan of the Protestant Reformation was this: "The just shall live by faith; salvation cannot be earned, even though you give your body to be burned — you don't earn it, you could never buy it." All your good works, all your money do not purchase merit in heaven. God gives it to those who will accept it in faith.

5. Finally, I am a Protestant because I believe in the universal fellowship of all believers in Jesus Christ.

Romans 5 is perhaps the outstanding passage setting forth such basic Protestant teachings as justification by faith, direct access to God through Christ, and Christ's sufficient sacrifice, once and for all, for our salvation. Read it!

What About Today

Protestants have suffered martyrdom for their faith. Times of testing still come today. Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary is in prison now for living his faith.

You perhaps recall reading about the imprisonment of Bishop Berggrav of Norway during the war because he would not deny his faith. Other Christians, many of them, were imprisoned during the war, and some of them died in prison, because they were true to the teachings of the Bible. Heroic leaders of other churches suffered too.

But the big test of heroism for us lies in living the Christian way of life, every day, in the home, at school, at work, and, yes, also at play. It isn't romantic or glamorous, doing this, but it is a job worth doing and worth doing well, this job of Christian living.

Worship

QUIET MUSIC AND MEDITATION.

When a deed is done for freedom, through the broad earth's aching breast
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic, trembling
on from east to west,
To the awful verge of manhood, as then
energy sublime
Of a century burst full-blossomed on the
thorny stem of time.

—James Russell Lowell

HYMNS—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God;" "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

SCRIPTURE READING.

PERIOD OF PRAYER.

PERIOD OF THINKING TOGETHER.

A good film-strip to use is:

Story of the Christian Church, 53 frames, black and white, manual. Sale, \$3.00. Produced by the Evangelical and Reformed Church in cooperation with the Congregational Christian Church, 1950. Available from the Religious Film Association and denominational publishing houses. Fascinating pictures of historical church leaders.

Robert Faulk Presents Program For Shut-ins

Robert Bruce Faulk is carrying on a ministry to shut-ins through Christ's Cloistered Crusaders of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, of which he is superintendent.

Bob was program chairman for the seventh year for the Shut-in's Day Program, conducted in First United Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Butler Council of Protestant Churches June 1st.

The service was broadcast over Radio Station WISR, Butler, with Robert Kaufman, announcer, telling of founding of "International Shut-in's Day" by Ernest Barker. The day being observed the first Sunday of June was started in 1941 and was officially recognized by the 80th Congress of the United States in 1947.

Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, gave the message. Mrs. Birdie Volkhart of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is an invalid and conducts a regular radio program, sang. Rev. Frank Hiack of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church, Butler, took part. He is the Pastor of Bob Faulk.

For the first time in over two years Bob Faulk was taken from his home to attend the service.



Give Cheer To Shut-Ins

Robert Bruce Faulk, superintendent of Christ's Cloistered Crusaders of the Keystone State C. E. Union, is shown with Birdie Volkhart, soloist, before Shut-in's Day program at Butler, Pa.

As superintendent of Christ's Cloistered Crusaders Bob edits a magazine, "Shield and Banner," which goes to hundreds of shut-ins. He also corresponds with many friends, typing his own letters although he is unable to sit up and has only the use of his left hand. He lives at 540 Virginia Avenue, Butler, Pa.

Ted suddenly discovers that he has neither paper nor pen. He nudges his neighbor on the right and asks for paper, but, alas! his neighbor has but one sheet of paper, as he, too, has not expected dictation. Then in an attempt to persuade his classmate behind him to supply a pen or pencil, Ted again drops his books from the arm of his chair, shoves them carelessly under the chair in front and again begins to scramble for paper. Elizabeth comes to his rescue and supplies the paper from her ever ready notebook and a pencil, which she has quietly taken from her purse.

INTERMEDIATE -- Sept. 21

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Scriptural Facts

1. What Jesus did after feeding the Five Thousand. Matt. 14:23.
2. How He got His strength in Gethsemane. Matt. 26:36-46.
3. What He did after a busy day in Capernaum. Mark 1:35.
4. What He did at the time of His baptism. Luke 3:21-22.
5. What He did after choosing the twelve disciples. Luke 6:12-13.

6. What He did on the return of seventy apostles. Luke 10:17-22.
7. What He did at the raising of Lazarus. John 11:41-43.
8. What He did on the last night with His disciples. John 17:1-26.
9. To whom He looked for help on the Cross. Matt. 27:45-46.
10. What He taught His disciples. Luke 11:1-4.
11. Someone for whom Jesus prayed. Luke 22:31-32.

INTERMEDIATE -- Oct. 12

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are members of a vast company of Christian young people who are thus helping to make a better world. Such young people help to make the "kingdom of love" about which Jesus taught so winsomely and hopefully, reality around them! And what a joy it is to know that we have certain stages upon which we can play the part of Christians in the drama of life—and that the parts we really count in helping God help the world. A young man in Japan found life meaningless until he made a startling discovery one morning: that his hands held power—unknown power—and that God, in his plans for the world, had some plan, some special way in which that hand could do some special thing that God needed done. That is true of every Christian Endeavorer. In God's plan there are many "things he will do for the world using our hands!"

Poem: "Discovery," from Kagawa's *Out of the Slums*.

Prayer:

(begin with a moment of silence)

Pray that we may discover something of God's plan for helping the world, using our own hands . . .

Pray for help — in strength of will, stand for right, in imaginations to be aware, in growing lovingness at the heart of our lives that we may not disappoint him in his plans for blessing the world through us.

Benediction.

PROMOTE REVIVAL

Methodist Christian Endeavorers of New South Wales are going all out for revival. A monthly "Revival Youth Fellowship" under the auspices of the Methodist Christian Endeavor Association is being planned, with the aim of promoting "Evangelical Revival in Methodist Churches." Two Christian Endeavor camps are scheduled for next Easter.

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INTERMEDIATE -- Sept. 7

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Have you taken tests in school to show your aptitudes? These are used in many schools today to help youth know their abilities. Number ability is needed for persons wanting to work in a bank, as a cashier or bookkeeper.

Reasoning ability is needed for those who would be doctors, scientists, inventors.

Space ability is needed for those who would be architects, designers, pilots.

For your future an education is a "must." What plans do you have for securing the best education possible?

INTERMEDIATE -- Sept. 14

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In order to pick them up he gives his chair a backward shove, causing a disagreeable scraping noise and dislocating the books and other paraphernalia of the student who sits behind him. He has just drawn his chair into position again when I announce, "You may write these sentences as I dictate them."



ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY MEETING

A portion of the leaders and members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor who attended the annual sessions in Philadelphia, Pa., June 7, are shown around the luncheon table. They are: Seated (left to right) — Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Norman Klauder, Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, Evelyn R. Purdy, Irene M. Blackmur, Frances Miller, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Mrs. Mildred S. Morris, Dr. John D. Duff, and William Duff. Standing (left to right) — Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Harold E. Westerhoff, Donald Drain, Charles S. Drain, Jr., and Harry Kuch, Jr.

Poster Company Praises C. E. Advertising Program

Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Campaign has received high praise from Colburn Standish, director of Publications of Walker and Company, Detroit, Michigan, leader in the field of Outdoor Poster Advertising.

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Ernest S. Marks

Christian Endeavor has its 22nd annual poster campaign next January assurance has already been given by Mr. Standish that the company has placed reservations on the books.

"The relationship between your organization has been so mutually satisfactory," Mr. Standish continued, "we have often thought how it would be if more plant operators would become interested in your 'Build With Christ' program and show their appreciation of your efforts by boosting the program through some of their outdoor facilities."

The poster for the 1953 showing has been printed with a new design in four colors. Harold E. Westerhoff is directing the campaign to have these panel posters

displayed through the United States and Canada. Cooperation is given by individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., and local and state Christian Endeavor Unions. Further information may be secured through Mr. Westerhoff, director of Advertising Program, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Ernest S. Marks of Detroit, Michigan, started the idea of outdoor poster advertising in 1931 when he was general secretary of the Michigan C. E. Union. He has directed the annual campaign until a year ago. He is still giving advice and valuable cooperation in this enterprise.

CONDUCT FIELD DAY

Westchester County Union, New York, staged its annual field day at Ward Poundridge Reservation, Cross River, May 24. Randolph Goetze directed activities.

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3. Go over each part of your Church's order of service, and try to give the reason and the result in each portion.
4. What happens to YOU when you worship?

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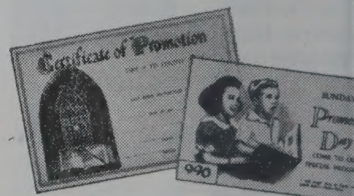
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Topics for SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 7. **Juniors for Christ and the Church.**
Romans 12.
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16:13-18.
Sept. 21. **Loyalty to the Church.** Acts
21:41-47.
Sept. 28. **Fellowship with Other Christians.**
Acts 11:22-30.

Topics for OCTOBER

- Oct. 5. **How the Bible Came to Us.** 2
Kings 22:1-13; 23:1-2.
Oct. 12. **Casting Out Fear.** I John 4:15-21.
Oct. 19. **Fighting Disease.** Matt. 8:2-13.
Oct. 26. **Spreading the Good News.** Acts
26:19-23.

California Union Holds
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Nine summer conferences are on the
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deavor Union.

"Christ in My Life" is the theme for
all the camp sessions. The conference
season, which started July 5, will close
August 22. All conferences are for a
week. They are for Juniors, Junior Highs
and Senior Highs. A leadership training
is scheduled.

Rev. J. S. Mather to Speak
At Michigan Retreat

Rev. James S. Mather, former presi-
dent of the Ceylon Christian Endeavor
Union, will speak at the annual retreat
of leaders of the Michigan Union at
Waldenwoods August 30-September 1.

Mr. Mather, who is pastor of the
Methodist Church at Kandy, Ceylon,
spoke at the Pacific Area Conference of
the World's Christian Endeavor Union at
Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26-30. He is
making a world tour and will attend the
conference of Area No. II of the World's
Union to be conducted in Rome, Italy,
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At the Honolulu Conference, Mr.
Mather told of the needs of youth work
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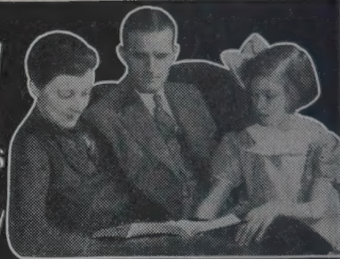
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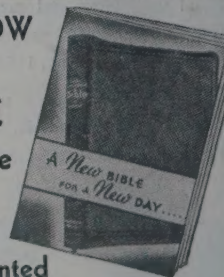
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